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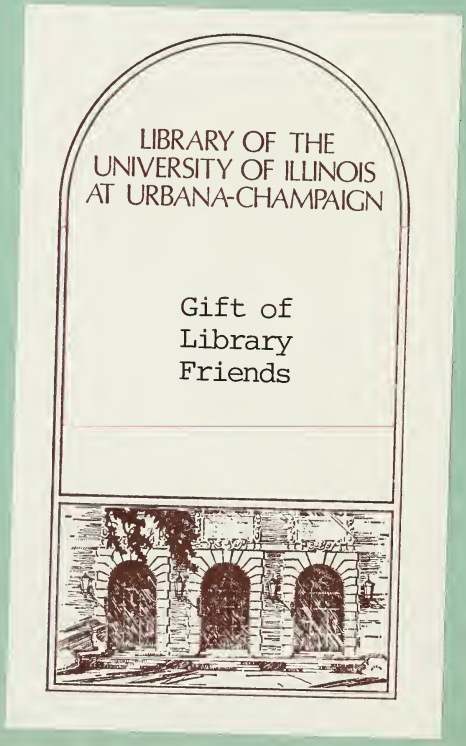

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Rockford's Early History and Some of Its Swedish-born Industries

Stephen Mack, a Vermonter, was the first white man who made a permanent settlement in Winnebago county. The exact date is not known, but it was probably about 1829. He was also the first white settler in the Rock River valley. He engaged in trade with the Indians, taking their fur in exchange for merchandise. He married an Indian woman, daughter of a Pottawattamie chief. In 1835 Mr. Mack took possession of a tract of land at the mouth of the Pecatonica river where he resided until his death. There he planted a village which he called Macktown. He also operated a store, established a ferry and in 1842 built a bridge across the Rock river. He died in 1850. Winnebago county was established by an act of the State Legislature of Illinois January 16, 1836. The county war organized in August, the same year.

The first white settlers in what is now Rockford were Germanicus Kent and Thatcher Blake. They arrived on the site August 24, 1834. Each of them located a claim and built a log cabin. The village was first called Midway because of its location midway between Chicago and Galena, but from 1837 became known as Rockford, presumably named for a shallow place in the river with a rock bottom where the Indians and later the white settlers crossed the stream. The first settler on the East side was Daniel Shaw Haight who arrived April 9, 1835. His cabin, built that year, was the first building on the east side. Mrs. Haight and her sister were the first white women to settle in Winnebago county. Rockford was incorporated as a town in 1839 and after a long struggle was made the county seat by election the same year. In 1852 it was incorporated as a city.

The first Swedes arrived in Rockford in 1852. Among them was John Nelson who afterwards became famous as the inventor of the Nelson Knitting Machine. When he arrived in Rockford from St. Charles, Ill., he found ahead of him a few Swedish families and single men who had arrived shortly before. In 1853 a few more Swedes came, and during 1854 and 1855 a larger number, some directly from Sweden and some from Chicago after a brief stay in that city. In 1854 the Swedes in Rockford numbered approximately 1,000, in 1862 about 2,000, and ten years later about 3,500. The numerous factories established in the city with consequent opportunity for employment attracted more and more of the Swedish laboring class until Rockford became known as one of the Swedish population centers in the United States. According to the census of 1930 there resided in Rockford at that time 10,088 persons born in Sweden and 12,243 born in America of Swedish parents. If the third generation be included, the Swedish descendants in Rockford must be approximately 35,000.

The Swedes of Rockford have taken a very active and prominent part in the upbuilding of some of the leading industries of the city. In the forefront of these are the Knitting industry and the Furniture

industry which were both started and developed through their initial stages by Swedish immigrants. The father of the knitting industry was John Nelson, a cabinet maker and inventor who was born in Kärråkra, Västergötland, Sweden, April 5, 1830, and emigrated to America in 1852, locating in Rockford the same year. While operating his own cabinet shop he worked at various inventions and after much experimenting completed in 1873 the remarkable knitting machine that produced in a few minutes a finished hose with double heel. Soon his product was produced in a number of Rockford factories and patented in United States and many European countries. Mr. Nelson died in 1883. His son, Fritjof Nelson, is now one of the leading men in the Rockford knitting industry.

The Swedish contribution to the furniture industry in Rockford had a unique beginning. In 1875 fifteen Swedish laborers joined together and formed The Forest City Furniture Co. with a capital of $50,000, half of which was paid in at the time. Another company The Union Furniture Co., was started the following year by the owners of the earlier company and some additional Swedes. A young Swede by the name of Per August Peterson who had taken a course i a business college was given the management of the business and ultimately became a multimillionaire and the leading industrialist of Rockford. He was born in Södra Ving, Västergötland, Sweden, September 8, 1846, and came with his parents to America in 1852. Here he worked on farms and in lumber camps and as a rubbish-hauler in Chicago after the great fire before he took hold of the furniture business in Rockford.

As the business grew, supported at first mainly by the savings of the workmen, Mr. Peterson obtained additional capital in the form of loans and started new companies. In 1882 he organized The Rockford Chair & Furniture Co. and the following year The Scandia Plow Co. In 1887 followed The Standard Furniture Co., in 1890 The Scandia Furniture Co., The Illinois Sewing Machine Co., The Star Furniture Co., The Rockford Mantel and Furniture Co., and The Mechanics Machine Co., and in 1891 a half dozen additional companies.

The financial crash of 1893 tumbled the whole combination of these concerns, and the creditors took over all of them for debt. Mr. Peterson refused to go into bankruptcy and took a job as a traveling salesman for three years with the avowed purpose of paying off all his debts. The banks who had taken over the factories found them a losing proposition and offered to return them to Mr. Peterson on condition that he promise to pay off the loans as soon as possible. Thus he became general manager of the various companies. In the meanwhile he purchased all the stock he could obtain at reduced price. As business began to improve and the factories gradually showed a gain he paid first all his own notes and loans from the banks and then reembursed all those he had purchased stock from by paying the full price for the stock.

In 1898 Mr. Peterson organized The National Mirror Works and The Rockford Glass Bending Works. In 1901 he took part in founding

The Kurtz-Seeberg Action Co. and the Haddorff Piano Co. In 1909 he erected the Hess Brothers Department Store and in 1911 he organized The Rockford Drop Forge Co. He attained a high age, passing away June 19, 1927, at 81 years, afteer a most remarkable career.

Another noted Swede among the inventors and industrialists of Rockford was Oscar Sundstrand who came to America with his parents from Södermanland, Sweden, in 1882. With his brother David he was put to learn cabinet making, and being mechanically gifted he invented machines for furniture making that led to the organizing of The Sundstrand Machine & Tool Co. For a long time Mr. Sundstrand worked on a simplified adding machine in order to produce a machine with only ten keys, and finally succeeded and built a factory for manufacturing the same. The first machine was sent out in 1911, and the first ten were sold in Rockford. It was patented and is now sold everywhere. The Sundstrand Adding Machine Co. was sold in 1925 to Underwood Elliot Fisher Co. In 1931 70,000 machines were produced.

Levin Faust, another noted Swedish industrialist in Rockford, was born in Falköping, Sweden, in 1863 and came to Rockford in 1887. In partnership with F. C. Hogland and E. C. Traner he founded The National Lock Co., which in 1930 was capitalized for $3,000,000, and employed some 2,500 people. Mr. Faust was actively interested in a number of industrial concerns and was the chief owner and stockholder in the company that erected the magnificent hotel which was named for him and was opened in 1929, costing almost $3,500,000.

Many other industries have been set afoot by men of Swedish descent, and it is estimated that about seventy of the industrial concerns of the city are owned or controlled by men of Swedish extraction, some of these companies being capitalized for over a million dollars. Recently several of the prominent industries established by Swedes have passed into the hands of outside capitalists and corporations.

Churches of Swedish Origin

The First Lutheran Church was organized January 15, 1854, by Dr. Erland Carlson of Chicago with 77 charter members of whom 45 were communicants. The first name given to the Church was "The Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation." Pastor Carlson agreed to visit the congregation four Sundays during the year and conduct services afternoon and evening the first Monday of each month. Rev. A. Andreen served the congregation during the summer of 1855. On August 20 of that year a lot was purchased for $325 and the location for a church building decided upon. The church which cost $775 was dedicated November 23, 1856, by Dr. T. N. Hasselquist. Rev. Andreen who had served the Church partly during 1855 and 1856 became resident pastor at Rockford in August, 1856, with a salary of $150 a year. In 1860 the congregation severed its connection with the Synod of Northern Illinois and affiliated with the Augustana Synod that was organized June 5, that year. Rev. Andreen left Rockford in 1860, and was succeeded by Rev. A. W. Dahlsten, 1861-63. In 1864 Rev. G. Peters took up the work, continuing as pas-

tor until 1885. A new church was erected in 1868-69 which was dedicated January 1, 1870, by Dr. T. N. Hasselquist. Thirteen years later a much increased membership made it necessary to raze this church and build a larger one which was completed in the fall of 1884 at a cost of $48,716. Rev. L. A. Johnston was pastor of the congregation from 1886 till 1894. For parochial school purposes a chapel was purchased in 1888 and moved to Eighth street and Broadway, and in 1891 Luther Hall was erected on Kishwaukee street, the two buildings costing $10,000. In 1894 the communicant membership reached the figure of 2,066. Rev. Joel L. Haff served the church from April, 1895, till his sudden death in February, 1896. He was succeeded by Rev. J. F. Seedoff who remained pastor of the church from 1896 till 1927. Because of removals and the cutting out of dead timber the membership was reduced to 1,434 in 1891. In 1904 the present parsonage was built at a cost of $6,243, the lot costing $3,100. The church has been improved and remodelled repeatedly, the last time in 1928 at a cost of $65,000, when a new exterior of hard surface brick trimmed with Bedford stone was put on. The present pastor, Rev. Albert Loreen, has served the congregation since July 1, 1928. The church has now a communicant membership of 1,115.

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church was organized July 20, 1882, by Rev. Chas. Anderson who became the first minister of the congregation. The organization was accomplished at the Westminster Chapel, and 85 charter members were enrolled. The Emmanuel was affiliated with the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America until 1890 when it joined the Augustana Synod. The first church building which was dedicated October 14, 1883, served the congregation for forty years. In 1920 the building was moved to its present site, eventually becoming Parish Hall and Sunday School Building. Since Rev. Anderson the following pastors have served the church: Rev. Hanson, 1885-88; C. Roos, 1889-90; A. P. Fors, 1890-92; G. Juhlin, 1892-95; Oscar Nelson, 1897-1900; Prof. C. O. Solberg, 1901-03; Dr. C. A. Wendell, 1905-12; Dr. J. W. Johnson, 1912-27; Dr. E. C. Bloomquist, since 1928. A new parsonage was dedicated in 1913. The present church was erected in 1922-23 and dedicated November 11, 1923, by the Conference President, Dr. Peter Peterson. The communicant membership of the church is now 1,346.

The Zion Lutheran Church was started as an outgrowth of the First Lutheran, the charter members of the Zion Church having previously belonged to the First Lutheran. The organization meeting was held in the Swedish Methodist Church August 7, 1883, when 146 charter members were enrolled. The name of The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church was adopted. Meetings were first held in Chick's Hall, rented for the purpose. The lot on which the present church is located, at Fifth avenue and Sixth street, was purchased the same year for $1,200. The first pastor of the church, Rev. C. G. Lundell, who was a member of the Ansgar Synod, took charge in July, 1884. Meetings were held in the basement of the church in process of erection. In 1885 Rev. Lundell was admitted into the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod, and shortly after the

Zion Church also became a member of the Conference. The finished church was dedicated October 11, 1885, by Rev. Erland Carlson, president of the Augustana Synod. Since the resignation of Rev. Lundell in 1887 the church has been served by the following pastors: S. G. Ohman, 1888-94; J. A. Eckstrom, 1894-1901; N. P. Sjostrom, 1901-12; G. E. Hemdahl, 1912-18; Carl Salomonson, 1919-28; E. G. Knock, since November, 1928. The membership of the church grew rapidly in the early nineties, and on January 1, 1894, Zion had 1,000 communicant members. A parsonage was erected in 1910 at 920 Fifth avenue, costing with lot $8,393. A Sunday School chapel was built in Rockview in 1924 which was turned over the following year to the newly organized Tabor Lutheran Church. A two-story structure was added to the church on the south side in 1929, and in 1930 further improvements of the church property were made at a cost of $10,000. The communicant membership of Zion is now 1,743.

The Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized January 6, 1907, with 57 communicant members. For some months previously missionary work had been carried on in this part of the city by Rev. Alfred Appell upon the call of the Illinois Conference. From the beginning of 1907 the Sunday School and other services were conducted in a chapel at Broadway and Eighth street, owned by the First Lutheran Church. In April, 1908, Rev. Appell resigned because of ill health, and the present pastor, Rev. J. A. Benander, was called, arriving at Salem in November, 1908. The same year lots for a building site at 6th street and 16th avenue were purchased at a cost of $1,600, but actual work on the building did not commence until the fall of 1910. In August, 1912, the exterior of the building was completed and the church parlor ready for occupancy, but the church was not finished until November, 1917. Rev. Benander has remained as pastor of the congregation during these 31 years. The communicant membership of Salem is now 704.

The Tabor Lutheran Church was organized February 12 and 23, 1925, by Dr. Peter Peterson, president of the Illinois Conference. Fifty-four charter members were enrolled. The Zion Lutheran Church had conducted meetings in the neighborhood since the fall before in a chapel at 12th avenue and 19th street, which the Tabor Church purchased from the Conference for $2,000. In 1935 an addition was made to the chapel. A parsonage was erected in 1938 at 1331 19th street. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Elmer Friedlund who served the congregation from June, 1925, till August, 1927. Since February 1, 1928, Rev. Clarence H. Anderzon has been in charge of the church. The communicant membership is now 415.

The Mission Tabernacle Church was organized June 1, 1875, under the name of Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society. The following year the church became a member of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Synod, the membership continuing until 1885 when this Synod was merged into The Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant. Meetings were first held in the Westminster Chapel and the Centennial Methodist Church, and were conducted either by visiting preachers or local members. The first permanent minister was Rev. J. P. Lindell who served part of 1876. He was followed by Rev.

Palmquist who had charge of the congregation during 1878. In 1879 Rev. J. Gustafson became pastor and remained until October, 1880, being succeeded by Rev. A. E. Wenstrand, 1882-84. In November, 1881, the congregation was first incorporated under the name of Mission Society which in 1913 was changed to Mission Church. The first church was built in 1880 at a cost of $1,600. The present church, The Mission Tabernacle, at Kishwaukee street and Third avenue, was erected in 1888-89 at a cost of $18,364. Since 1885 the congregation has been served by the following pastors: A. Kalin, 1885-86; F. M. Johnson, 1887-97; S. W. Sundberg, 1898-1904; O. P. Peterson, 1905-6; J. J. Daniels, 1906-9; August Erickson, 1910-16; Carl J. Andrews, 1916-21; A. T. Frykman, 1921-34; Helge Johnson, 1934-35; Carl G. Westerdahl, since November, 1935. The church now has 830 members.

The Bethesda Evangelical Church was organized January 11, 1926, in the auditorium of the Mission church. The charter members came mostly from the older congregation, their chief aim being to establish an English speaking church in the Highland district of the city. At the first business meeting 71 charter members were enrolled. Meetings were first held in the Highland School auditorium and the Westminster church. In April, 1926, Rev. Harold M. Carlson was called as pastor for three months. Rev. Carlson came to Bethesda in June the same year and shortly afterward was called as permanent pastor. In June, 1927, Bethesda was admitted as a member of the Mission Covenant of America. A site for a church was acquired in 1926 at 118-22 Washington street, costing $13,396, deducting price received for buildings located on the property. The church was erected in 1927-28 at a cost of $77,406, and dedicated March 25, 1928. The church has now a membership of 365 communicants with a Sunday School enrollment of 585.

The Swedish Christian Free Church dates its beginning from the summer of 1883, though not organized until the following year. A few Christians, most of them members of the Mission Church, began, in 1883, to hold meetings for Bible study in the home of Nils Jernberg on South Third street. In the fall of the same year Hjalmar Anderson conducted meetings in homes and in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at State and Main streets. In the beginning of 1884 the meetings were moved to Union Hall, and Frank Johanson was chosen as the first superintendent of the activities. Visiting preachers assisted local men in conducting services. As the need of a church became more evident, it was decided to incorporate, which was done in February, 1888. A lot was purchased at Fifth street and Fourth avenue, and a modest church erected the same year at a cost of $1,800. A record of members began first in 1890. The first minister, Elof Newberg, took charge in 1892. Professor J. G. Princell who had located at Rockford also served with preaching. The church was considerably enlarged and improved in 1894. Since the resignation of Rev. Newberg in 1894 the following pastors have been in charge of the church: P. J. Elmquist, 1894-96; A. C. Leafgren, 1897-1901; Gustaf F. Johnson, 1901-14; John G. Kalson, 1914-17; E. A. Halleen, 1918-27; Elmer Johnson, since 1927. During Gustaf F. Johnson's pas-

torate the membership of the church increased from 167 to 750. The old church being too small, a lot at the corner of Fourth avenue and Sixth street was purchased in 1904 for the price of $2,700 on which a new large church building was erected in 1905-06 at a cost of $31,000. The membership of the church is now 966.

The Bethany Methodist Church. Among the first Methodist preachers that visited Rockford were Dr. N. O. Westergren and Rev. S. B. Newman. Dr. Westergren's parents located in Rockford in the fifties, and through them Rev. Newman was invited to visit the city when he organized a class and appointed Dr. Westergren's father as class leader. The Westergren family soon moved to Chicago, but Dr. Westergren occasionally visited Rockford and preached there. At the Conference of 1860 Rev. Victor Witting was appointed pastor for the little flock. He rented a little church in which the meetings were held and many of the numerous Swedish immigrants were converted and joined the group with the result that on January 30, 1861, the First Swedish Methodist Church was organized. In 1863 the congregation bought the church that they had been renting and moved it unto a lot on First avenue. During the pastorate of Rev. John Wigren the membership was greatly increased, necessitating a larger meeting place, and a new brick church was erected in 1877. Forty years later conditions had so changed that it was found advisable to seek a new location. Lots were bought at Eighth street and Third avenue in the spring of 1919, and the present church and parsonage were built, the church being dedicated March 28, 1920, by Bishop Thomas Nicholson. The value of the property is about $60,000. Twenty-six different pastors have served the church during its eighty years existence. The longest term as pastor was held by Rev. E. J. Eliason who served 15 years. The present pastor, Rev. Gustav Erickson, came to Rockford in 1938. The membership is now a little over 300.

The Temple Baptist Church (formerly First Swedish Baptist Church) was organized September 11, 1880, in the State Street Baptist church, Rev. Erik Wingren of Chicago acting as chairman of the meeting. Twelve charter members were enrolled. As early as 1873 a few Swedes of the Baptist faith were found in Rockford and meetings were held in homes by visiting preachers from Chicago and other places. The congregation was first called The Scandinavian Baptist Church, and was incorporated under that name in 1882, the name being changed two years later to The First Swedish Baptist Church. The first pastor of the church was L. J. Ahlstrom. Meetings were held first in homes and then in an assembly room in the State Street church. Rev. Ahlstrom left in 1881, and was succeeded the following year by Rev. C. Silene. A lot was purchased in 1883 and a store building moved onto it and fitted for a meeting house at a total cost of $1,500. As the membership increased larger quarters became necessary, and a new church was built in 1888 at Seventh street and Fourth avenue, costing $6,500. Between vacancies the church was served by the following pastors: J. P. Forsell, 1885-87; Uno Noll Brauer, 1887-89; Petrus Schwartz, 1889-94; C. P. Levin, 1894-96; Magnus Larson, 1897-1903; C. W. Sundmark, 1903-10. In 1907 the old

church was sold to the Salvation Army, a lot being purchased at Fifth avenue and Eighth street on which a new church was erected in 1908 at a cost of $25,000, including lot. Since the resignation of Rev. Sundmark the following pastors have served the church: J. Alfred Erickson, 1910-13; Eric Carlson, 1914-15; P. Alfred Peterson, 1915-17; E. J. Nordlander, 1918-20; Jacob Peterson, 1920-31; Eric Carlson (second time), 1932-37; Gustav A. Gustavson, since August, 1937. The church has now about 400 members.

The Elim Baptist Church (formerly Second Swedish Baptist) was organized in 1917 with about 25 charter members. Meetings were first held in a rented church building at Broadway and Eighth street. The church was built in 1923 at the corner of 16th avenue and 10th street. The following pastors have served the church: Eric Rosen, Eric Hallden, Axel C. Johnson, M. F. Jensen and Albin E. Appelquist who has been in charge since June, 1937. The membership is now about 100 with a Sunday School attendance of 120.

The Swedish Salvation Army was organized in 1891. About 40 years ago a Swedish Baptist church was purchased for a meeting place, and 20 years later an adjoining building was bought for officers' quarters. The buildings are located at 1019 Fourth avenue. The Corps has now 205 senior and 70 junior members. Since September, 1939, Adjutant George Perry is in charge of the Corps.

The Swedish American Hospital

From a small beginning which consisted of a letter to the Svenska Posten by a man named Nelson, accompanied by a contribution of one dollar the idea of a Swedish hospital in Rockford was first given serious thought. The matter was given considerable publicity by the editor of the Svenska Posten, and a meeting of all the Swedish ministers in Rockford was called to talk it over. The minutes of the first meeting held May 31, 1911, indicate that Mr. Wm. Johnson acted as chairman and Mr. Levin Faust as secretary protem. Other officers were Rev. H. P. Sjostrom, vice president; Hjalmar Lundquist, secretary, and G. Adolph Peterson, treasurer. After speeches being made by a number of the ministers, as well as Levin Faust, Hjalmar Lundquist, F. G. Hogland, Wm. Johnson and others, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the Swedish-American Hospital Association of Rockford, Illinois, be incorporated under the state laws which was done June 6, 1911. A board of twenty-four directors was also elected, and a committee was appointed for the soliciting of funds.

The hospital building was opened July 17, 1918. The site was well chosen, it being located in a quiet residential section. It has a bed capacity of eighty-seven, and boasts of the finest equipment and the best of service. The hospital is approvel by the American College of Surgeons and is a member of the American Hospital Association. A School of Nursing comprising approximately fifty students is maintained and is approved by the State Department of Registration and Education.

The officers elected by the Association for the year 1939-40 are as follows: Gunnard A. Anderson, president; Carl E. Swenson, vice president; Mrs. A. G. Ogren, secretary; and C. A. Rohlen, treasurer. The Superintendent of the hospital is Mr. C. N. Andrews.

Swedish Societies and Clubs

The Svea Söner Singing Society was organized in January, 1890. The leading spirit in the undertaking was a musician by the name of C. H. E. Oberg who had been a choir director in Sweden and was one of the famous Arpi singers at the Paris Exposition in 1867. While in Rockford he was organist in one of the local churches and was chosen director of Svea Söner. After his removal from Rockford the choir was directed by various leaders for short periods until a professor Wm. Swenson arrived from Sweden and took on the dual responsibility of organist in the Zion Lutheran Church and director of Svea Söner. During his leadership the chorus joined the American Union of Swedish Singers and took part in the great concerts at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. From 1894 till 1896 A. B. Ohman was director of Svea Söner, but after his leaving the city the chorus was without a director and suffered other adversities in the form of division, more than half of the singers separating and forming another choir. Then professor Ortengren from Chicago came to the rescue of Svea Söner and accepted the directorship which he continued for sixteen years, coming to Rockford every week during the singing season. Under his leadership selected members of the chorus took part in a number of singing festivals, and four Rockford singers joined the elite chorus of 45 that went to Sweden in 1910. Professor Ortengren decided to remain in Sweden, and for the last thirty years Svea Söner have had as director an able musician of their own number, Mr. Gustaf Ohlson. During this period the chorus has taken part in various Singing Festivals of the Western Division of the Union of Swedish Singers, besides giving generously of its services to its home city. The chorus has also sponsored the bringing to Rockford a number of noted choruses and individual singers and celebrities from Sweden. Meeting first in rented halls, the society in 1892 decided to erect an opera house on Seventh street. An association was formed for this purpose and a site purchased for $10,000, stock being sold to members. The building contract called for $54,000, but before the building could be finished the financial crash knocked the bottom out of the venture, an outsider taking over the assets. Later the purchaser generously offered to sell the finished building to Svea Söner for $28,000. His offer was accepted, and the whole amount paid in due time, the building, Svea Hall, at 326 Seventh street, now being the property of the Society. The active chorus now numbers 29 singers and the Society 200 resident members. The present officers are: J. H. Hallstrom, president; George W. Asprooth, vice president; Arvid Anderson and Vernie Gustafson, secretaries; and Al Ekeberg, treasurer.

The Lyran Singing Society was organized October 17, 1893, with eleven charter members. At first the singers met in the homes of different members. Later a hall was rented for the purpose. On January 1, 1905, the Society was incorporated. The Lyran Building was erected in 1911 at 1115 Fourth avenue. The Society also owns a picnic ground, "Oak Hills," comprising 35 acres, by the Kishwaukee river, seven miles from Rockford. A sick and funeral fund has been

established by the membership. The Society now numbers 290 members and 35 active singers. John Roebuck is director of the chorus. The present officers of the Society are: John E. Carlson, president; Carl Swanberg, secretary; Einar Hedlund, financial secretary; and Gustaf Lager, treasurer.

The Swedish Music and Sick Fund Society (S. M. & S. F. Club) was organized in 1899 for the avowed purpose of providing sick and funeral benefits and social enjoyment for its members. In 1918 the Society erected its own building at 1019 Third avenue with store rooms on the first floor and an assembly hall and club rooms on the second floor. The Society owns country grounds in the form of a farm of 144 acres, located on the Rock river, eight miles southwest of the city. While the farm is rented out, an inclosed yard with cottage provides a rendevouz for club members. The Society has now 150 members. The present officers are: Timotheus Hanson, president; John Peterson, recording secretary; John E. Ahlquist, financial secretary; Gust Johnson, treasurer.

The Swedish-American Gymnastic Club had its inception before the World War, but disbanded during the war period and was reorganized in the early twenties. In 1936 the Club purchased the former Good Templar Hall at 1015 Third avenue in which it is now carrying on its performances. These have been consisting mainly of the Ling System of Gymnastics, being now centered on Gymnastics and Weight Lifting. At present Axel Tegner and Alfred O. Ahlstrand are two of its outstanding performers. The Club has about 150 members. Axel Tegner is vice president of the Club and A. O. Ahlstrand chairman of its Board of Directors.

The Independent Order of Good Templars is represented in Rockford by two lodges, Rockford and Vega. A lodge named Skandia was organized in Rockford in the nineties, the name being later changed to Skandinavia. Another lodge named Linnea was started some time later. In 1919 Skandinavia and Linnea were merged into one lodge called Rockford Lodge No. 6 which now has a membership of 100 and possesses its own building, erected in 1916 at 1535 South Ninth street. — The Vega Lodge No. 4 was organized in 1911 and has now a membership of 125. Carl Linde is chief templar and Gunnar Anderson, secretary. Associated with the Vega are two Junior Lodges, No. 13 and No. 14, and the Vega Gymnastic Club. Rockford and Vega are joint owners of a country resort, Camp Elmwood, comprising 16 acres, located by the Kishwaukee river, eight miles south of Rockford.

The Independent Order of Vikings has four lodges in Rockford. Ellida Lodge No. 25 was organized in 1906, and has a mixed membership of 356. Meetings are held at the Viking Hall, 702-4 Seventh street. The Ellida is the owner of Camp Hillcrest, comprising 67 acres by the Kishwaukee river, eight miles south of Rockford. — The Baltic Lodge No. 56, organized in March, 1907, has a membership of about 400. Four years ago this lodge built its own club rooms at 1524 South Ninth street, and in 1938 added a suitable hall to the building. — The Baltic Star, No. 112, a ladies' lodge, was organized May 8, 1937, and has now a membership of 138. Their meetings are also held

in the Viking Hall on South Ninth street.—The Lindy Lodge No. 73 is composed of members located at Loves Park, a suburb of Rockford.

Ladies' Independent Order of Vikings Lodge Elvira No. 26 was organized in 1912 and has now 122 members. Its meetings are held at 1612 Sixth avenue. Officers are, Hazel Ney, president, and Jennie Peterson, secretary.

The Independent Order of Vasa is represented in Rockford by three lodges. Hilding No. 135 was organized February 13, 1908, and has now a membership of 200. Its present secretary is Ellen Johnson. Meetings are held at the Tegner Hall, 1016 Fourth avenue, the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.—Brahe No. 245 was organized January 30, 1913, and has a membership of 165. Meetings are held at Tegner Hall, the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Laura Swanberg, secretary.—Elvira No. 522 was organized November 10, 1928, and has now a membership of 135. Meetings are held at the Viking Hall, 702 Seventh street, the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Sigrid Larson, president, and Mrs. Ingeborg Carlson, secretary.

The Independent Order of Svithiod has three lodges in Rockford. They all hold their meetings at the Svithiod Hall, 1110 Fifth avenue. The John Ericsson Lodge No. 23 was organized in June 1903, and has now a membership of 445. Its present officers are, Gustaf Soderstrom, president, and Birger Johnson, secretary.—The Ladies' Lodge Frideborg No. 17 was organized Septemper 11, 1908, and has now 115 members.—Corona No. 55 was organized in 1917 and has a membership of 147. Mrs. Augusta Sandberg, president, and Mrs. Martha Larson, secretary.

The Scandinavian Fraternity of America has two Swedish lodges in Rockford. Harold No. 84 was organized February 18, 1907, and has now a membership of 215. Axel Leamont, president.—Baner No. 138 was organized March 8, 1912, and has now 230 members. Vic Peterson, president.

The John Ericsson Republican League, a branch of the state organization by the same name, was organized in 1893, simultaneously with the State League. The Winnebago County organization is the second largest in the state. Mr. Stanley Kjellgren is its present president.

The Swedish Historical Society

This society is an outgrowth of the New Sweden Tercentenary Committee which functioned in Rockford during 1938 in carrying out the most ambitious and successful local celebration staged anywhere commemorating the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the New Sweden colony on the Delaware.

During the past year, the society's most successful undertaking has been the sponsorship of semi-weekly Swedish radio programs over radio station WROK. Half-hour programs have been given Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons with approximately forty different musical groups, soloists and speakers taking part. Seventy half-hour programs were given between October, 1939, and June 1, 1940. Similar broadcasts were sponsored during the spring of 1939 and the first six months of 1938.

The idea of a New Sweden tercentenary organization took form in Rockford at a meeting at Hotel Faust September 20, 1937. The formal organization followed in December. By proclamation of Mayor Charles F. Brown, the entire week of March 21 to 26, 1938, was set aside as the New Sweden tercentenary week for Rockford. The highlight of the celebration was a mass meeting at the National Guard armory attended by 6,700 persons. with thousands turned away.

An old-fashioned Swedish coffee party on March 26 in the 7th street business district was a tremendous success. Ten thousand cups of coffee were served. A concert by the Augustana college choir was sponsored by the tercentenary committee April 20. A souvenir New Sweden coin was minted by the local committee. On one side was the face of the late P. A. Peterson and the words "Honoring Swedish Settlers of Rockford" and "P. A. Peterson." On the other side was a replica of the Kalmar Nyckel and the words "New Sweden Tercentenary 1638-1938." Five thousand coins were made.

Two hundred Rockford persons attended the official celebration at Wilmington. They included the Svea Söner male chorus and the Rocklynn Children's club. Gov. Henry Horner also recognized the Rockford group by appointing Herman G. Nelson as a member of the official Illinois Swedish tercentenary commission.

Climax of the Rockford observance was the visit of Prince Bertil on July 15 under auspices of the tercentenary committee. Prince Bertil was guest at the business men's luncheon at noon. In the afternoon, he visited three Rockford factories and the News Tower. He spoke early in the evening to 6,000 persons on the lawn of the Swedish-American hospital and later was guest at the banquet at Hotel Faust.

Officers of the Swedish Historical society for 1940 are Dr. E. G. Bloomquist, president; Eric Anderson, vice president; Herman G. Nelson, secretary-treasurer; and the following directors: Thorsten Thorstenson, Oscar W. T. Peterson, J. Herman Hallstrom, Axel Ney, Mrs. Ernest Nyberg, Mrs. Alida Carlson, A. J. Anderson, Albert N. Nelson, George Blomgren, Alf. O. Ahlstrand, Axel Rehnberg and Adjutant George Perry.

The 1940 radio committee, which is the same as functioned in 1939, consists of the following: Thorsten Thorstenson, chairman; Hilmer Borggren, vice chairman; Herman G. Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Dr. E. C. Bloomquist, Gust E. Swanson, George Blomgren, G. A. Ohlson, Albert Ulin, Lawrence D. Larson, Axel Mickelson, Otto Axelson and Alf. Ahlstrand.

In 1939, the society was instrumental in bringing about the first observance in Rockford of Leif Ericson Day on October 9. The American flags, as a result, were displayed on all public and private buildings and in all the business districts. Recognition was given in the public schools.

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Business and Professional Men of Swedish Descent

HERMAN G. NELSON, journalist, was born at Rock, Mich., March 8, 1902. His father, Edward Nelson, emigrated to America from Halmstad, Sweden, in 1889 and located in Upper Michigan where he first engaged in lumber business, but for the last 25 years has been employed by the Northwestern railroad. Herman's mother, Esther Nelson, came to America from Öland, Sweden, in 1900. Both his parents now reside at Escanaba, Mich. Herman grew up at Escanaba where he attended the city schools whereupon he took a course at Augustana College, graduating in 1926 with the A. B. degree. Moving to Rockford in June, 1926, he obtained a position as reporter for the Rockford Morning Star which he still holds. Mr. Nelson was married August 27, 1929, to Rosa M. Bolander of Rockford. They have two daughters, Ruth Mae and Margaret. In 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Nelson took a honeymoon trip to Sweden, remaining a year, Mr. Nelson devoting his time to the study of Swedish literature. Mr. Nelson has been a member of the Board of the Augustana College and Theological Seminary since 1936, and a member of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors since 1935. He is secretary and treasurer of the Swedish Historical Society of Rockford and was vice chairman of the Illinois Swedish Tercentenary Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

FRED J. KULLBERG, County Judge, was born in Rockford March 26, 1905. His father, John Kullberg, came to America from Bohuslän, Sweden, in the later eighties. He located in Rockford where he engaged in shoe business, but is now retired. Fred's mother, Mina (Hanson) Kullberg, came from the same place in Sweden as her husband. After attending the public school Fred studied at Augustana College three years and took his law course at the Northwestern University Law School, where he graduated in 1931. Having served as assistant States Attorney from 1932 till 1938 he was elected County Judge of Winnebago County in 1938. Mr. Kullberg was married in 1934 to Elvira Turnrose of Rockford. They have three children, Kay 4; Sally, 1½; and John, born in October, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Kullberg are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. ALDEN, banker, was born in Tveta parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, October 29, 1867, and came to America in 1885, locating first at Galesburg, Ill. After spending some time as a farm hand in Nebraska and Iowa he attended Augustana College two years and then came to Rockford in 1889 and operated a Book and Stationary store for 14 years. In 1912 he became connected with the Swedish American Bank which had been started two years before. Being first vice president of the bank, he was later made president, which post he held until in 1940 he became chairman of the Board of Directors. In 1898 Mr. Alden was married to Selma C. Malmberg of Rockford. They have two children, Marvin O., employed by the Gas & Electric Co.; and Agnes M. (Mrs. Phil Anderson). Mr. and Mrs. Alden are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

REV. ERIC GUSTAF KNOCK was born at Gowrie, Ia., March 29, 1880. His father, Carl Gustaf Knock, came to America from Kristinehamn, Värmland, Sweden, in the later sixties, locating first in Kansas and later in Chicago where he worked as a carpenter. In 1875 he moved to Gowrie, Ia., and engaged in farming. He died in 1893. Eric's mother, Anna Lovisa (Lindquist) Knock, who came from Karlskoga, Värmland, died in 1925. Eric worked on the farm until he entered Gustavus Adolphus College in 1899, graduating from that institution in 1905 and from the Theological Seminary in 1908. After his ordination in Chicago June 14, 1908, he served as pastor in Lincoln, Nebr., 1908-19; Wakefield, Nebr., 1919-24; Augustana Church, Denver, Colo., 1924-28; and Zion Lutheran at Rockford since November, 1928. In the Nebraska Conference he served as secretary 1912-19, vice president 1920, and president 1921-24. He was a member of the Board of Luther College 1921-24, of the Swedish National Tuberculosis Sanitarium 1924-28, and has been a member of the Board of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute since 1922, and of the Board of the Augustana Hospital in Chicago since 1938. On June 30, 1908, Rev. Knock was married to Jennie Sandahl of Stillwater, Minn. They have four children, Luther Gustaf, Lutheran minister at Harvey, Ill.; Ruth Louise, organist and choir director at Harvey, Ill.; Theodore Emmanuel, employed by the Chicago Relief Administration; and Eunice Genevieve, music teacher in Junior High School, Rockford. All the children are graduates of the Gustavus Adolphus College where four brothers and one sister of Rev. Knock also graduated.

WILBUR CHRISTENSON, mortician, was born at Portland, Connecticut. His father, Nels G. Christenson, came to America from Halland, Sweden, in the later sixties, and located at Portland where he was engaged as a stone mason. In 1900 he moved to Jamestown, N. Y., and from there to Rockford in 1914. He died November 12, 1914, at 69 years of age. Wilbur's mother, Eleanor Christenson, was born in 1834 and passed away April 21, 1933. Wilbur received his education in the Jamestown public schools and afterwards took a course at the Worsham College of Embalming, Chicago, graduating in 1914. The same year he established a mortuary at Rockford, located at 925 Third avenue. Mr. Christenson was married in 1916 to Alta Meves, a music teacher of Tama, Ia. They are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

BERNARD HJALMAR SODERMARK, restaurateur, was born in Lilla Mellösa, Södermanland, Sweden, December 27, 1890, and emigrated to America in 1916. Locating at Rockford, he worked for Greenlee Brothers five years. After attending Augustana College in 1922, he obtained a job with the Forest Bit and Tool Co., which he continued for five years, and then operated a meat market in Rockford ten years. In 1937 he opened the American Swedish Restaurant at 504 Seventh street which he is now conducting. In April, 1937, he entered into wedlock with Beda Magnuson from Västergötland, Sweden. Mr. Sodermark is a member of the I. O. V. Lodge Ellida.

ALBERT N. NELSON, County Treasurer, was born in Rockford June 19, 1888. His father, Andrew Nelson, came to America from Värmland, Sweden, in the seventies. He was first employed on the Illinois Central railroad in Mississippi, but moved later to Rockford where he worked for the Forest City Furniture Co. 25 years. He died in 1914. Albert's mother, Anna B. Nelson, who came from Skaraborgs län, Sweden, died in 1939. Albert received his education in the public school and Brown's Business College. After being engaged as bookkeeper in a grocery store three years and as office manager of a dry goods store five years he became superintendent and advertising manager of the Ashton Dry Goods Co., serving in that capacity for 15 years until the business was sold to a chain store concern in 1925. During 1920-31 he served as alderman from his ward. Being engaged as real estate salesman for four years, he was a member of the Board of Supervisors 1925-30. In 1930 he was elected County Treasurer without opposition. After serving as deputy treasurer 1935-38 he was again elected Treasurer on the republican ticket in 1938. Mr. Nelson was married October 25, 1913, to Laura C. Samuelson of Rockford. They are blessed with two children, L. Beatrice, school teacher, born 1915; and Robert N., born 1919, shipping clerk for the All Trades Printing Co. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the First Lutheran Church.

ALFRED AHLSTRAND, attorney, was born in Rockford Jan. 22, 1903. His father, Alfred Ahlstrand, came to America from Hegum, near Sköfde, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1886, and located at Rockford where he was engaged as a cabinet maker, retiring from active work in 1928. Alfred's mother, Eva Olivia Ahlstrand, came to America from Håbo, Östergötland, Sweden, in 1887. After attending the city schools, Alfred studied law at the University of Illinois, graduating in 1926, and was admitted to the bar the same year, and started practice with office in the Security National Bank Bldg. He was City Attorney from 1933 to 1937, having served as Justice of the Peace before that. In 1939 he was elected Police Magistrate. During vacation periods in 1919-26 he served as reporter for the Register-Gazette. He has been president of the Swedish American Gymnastic Club for two years.

CARL JOHANZON, jeweler, was born in Upsala, Sweden, November 6, 1863. At the age of 13 he began to learn the watchmaker's trade and worked at the trade in his native land until he emigrated to America in 1893. Locating in Chicago, he was employed by Otto Young five years and by Spalding & Co. six years as foreman of the shop. After a visit to Sweden in 1905 he spent another two years with Spalding & Co. whereupon he was engaged by J. A. Sodern & Co. until 1913 when he moved to Rockford and started his own shop. He is now located at 1027 Charles street. Mr. Johanzon was married in Upsala, Sweden, in 1889 to Maria Petterson of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Johanzon are members of the Temple Baptist Church. Mr. Johanzon is also a member of the Good Templar Lodge Rockford, being the oldest member of the Illinois Grand Lodge, his membership dating back to 1882.

NELS P. NELSON, attorney, was born in Trönninge, Halland, Sweden, October 23, 1865, and emigrated to America in 1885. After spending some time in the western states, working in logging camps in Washington and on ranches in Idaho, he returned to Illinois where he was employed a year on a farm at Putnam. Having determined to obtain a better education, he took a course at Augustana College and then studied law at the Iowa College of Law at Des Moines, finishing his law course at the University of Nebraska in 1902. Locating at Rockford, he was admitted to the bar in 1903, was employed two years by the Free Sewing Machine Co. and started practicing law in this city in 1906. He served as Assistant States Attorney from 1903 till 1913. Mr. Nelson was married in 1903 to Caroline B. Norling of Putnam, Ill. They have three children, Carroll H., city attorney of Rockford; C. Oliver, associated with his father in legal practice with office at 428 Seventh street; and Eleanor (Mrs. Gunnard Lundquist), residing at Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

CARROLL H. NELSON, attorney, son of Nels P. Nelson, above, was born at Rockford June 15, 1907. After attending the city schools he studied at Augustana College two years (1924-26) and took his law course at the University of Illinois Law School, graduating in 1929, having since been associated with his father in law practice. Since 1937 he has been City Attorney of Rockford. He was married in 1931 to Mildred Nelson of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Gail, 3 years old.

C. OLIVER NELSON, attorney, son of Nels P. Nelson, above, was born in Rockford February 10, 1909. After attending the Rockford schools he took a course at Augustana College, graduating in 1931, whereupon he studied law at the University of Montana at Missoula, finishing his course in 1937, having since been engaged in law practice with his father. In June, 1939, Oliver Nelson entered into wedlock with Gladys V. Josephson of Rockford.

ARVID V. PETERSON was born in Monmouth, Ill., August 25, 1890. His father, John Peterson, emigrated to America from Hästveda, Skåne, Sweden, in the early eighties and located at Monmouth where he plied his trade as a tailor. He died in 1928. Arvid's mother, Hanna (Bengtsdotter) Peterson, who came from Glimåkra, Skåne, Sweden, died September 6, 1934. Arvid obtained his education in the Monmouth city schools and at Brown's Business College. After being employed in turn by the C. B. & Q. railroad, the Western Stoneware Co. and a road machinery concern he moved to Rockford in 1923 and engaged in the furniture industry until 1928 when he became secretary of the Swedish Building and Loan Association and the Swedish Mutual Fire Insurance Co. with office at 401 East State street. In 1917 Mr. Peterson entered into wedlock with Tennena Moberg of Monmouth. They have five children, Herbert, a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College; Dorothy Mae, a student at Augustana College; Donald and Pauline, attending High School; and Joan. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the First Lutheran Church, Mr. Peterson having been Sunday School Superintendent for 17 years.

CARL G. ALEXIS, musician, was born at Hastings, Pa., April 23, 1894. His father, J. N. Alexis, was a minister in the Augustana Synod. Carl's mother, Ingrid (Svenson) Alexis, came to America from Sweden in 1879. Carl attended public school and studied at Augustana College 1909-10. Later he finished his High School course at Lincoln, Nebr., and studied music at the University School of Music in that city while holding position as organist in the Lutheran Church at Oakland, Nebr. In 1914 he went to Sweden and studied music for Gustaf Hagg and Richard Anderson in Stockholm about a year. Returning to America he was engaged as organist of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., two years and at Monmouth, Ill., three years. While in Minneapolis he taught music at Minnesota College and Minneapolis School of Music. He came to Rockford in 1921 as organist of the First Lutheran Church. For the past ten years he has been conducting the Alexis School of Music at 403 Seventh street, giving instruction in Organ, Piano, Band, Orchestra Instruments and Voice. Prof. Alexis has also studied Organ and Theory for Wilhelm Middleschulte of Chicago. He was married in 1920 to Florence Olson of Svea, Minn., with whom he has a son, Donald, 18, student at the High School.

ARTHUR A. THORSELL, City Treasurer, was born in Rockford, August 24, 1896. His father, John Alfred Thorsell, came to Rockford from Kalmar län, Sweden, about 1880. He worked on a farm, operated horse cars in Rockford and was lastly engaged in the N. B. Burpee Furniture and Undertaking establishment until a year before his death in 1934. Arthur's mother, Hilma Thorsell, who came from Högsby parish, Småland, Sweden, is still living. Arthur was educated in the city schools and the University of Illinois where he graduated in 1920. Taking a position with the Rockford Machine Tool Co. he was engaged in factory and design room and as a salesman three years, whereupon he associated himself with M. T. Westring, opening a Stationary and Office Equipment business at 415 East State street. Since May, 1937, he has been City Treasurer. He was in Navy service eight months and is Commandant of the Navy Club of Rockford. In 1927 Mr. Thorsell was married to Kathryn B. Anderson of Lawton, Ia. They have two children, Donna Kay, 9; and Carol Rae, 7. Mr. and Mrs. Thorsell are members of the First Lutheran Church.

HENRY T. HULTBERG, executive, was born in Chicago June 11, 1883. His father, Otto C. Hultberg, emigrated to America from Jönköpings län, Sweden, in 1868 and located in Chicago, whence he moved to Rockford in 1883. He was engaged in the furniture industry and passed away 18 years ago. Henry's mother, Emma Christina Hultberg, who came from Moheda, Jönköpings län, died in 1928. Henry grew up in Rockford and received his education in the city schools. On April 1, 1900, he entered the coal and lumber business with the Skandia Coal & Lumber Co., being president and treasurer of the company since 1938. On September 14, 1910, Mr. Hultberg entered into marrige union with Maud Sandberg of Elden, Ill. They have a son, Henry, Jr., 29, traveling coal salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Hultberg are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

REV. ALBERT LOREEN was born at Winthrop, Minn., October 25, 1886. His father, Louis Loreen, came to America from Näsum parish, Skåne, Sweden, in 1865, and located first at Carver, Minn., whence he moved to New Sweden and from there to Winthrop where he took homestead. He died in 1936 at 86 years of age. Albert's mother, Ingar (Carlson) Loreen, who came to America in 1854 when a year old, is still living at Winthrop. Albert attended the rural school and then studied six years at Gustavus Adolphus College, graduting in 1910. After teaching school a year he attended the Medical School of Chicago University one year, the Maywood Seminary two years and Augustana Theological Seminary one year, graduating from the last named institution in 1915. After ordination the same year he served three small churches in Oregon 1½ years, residing at Portland. Following he served as pastor in the Bethel Church, Seattle, Wash., 1½ years; and the Arlington Hills, St. Paul, Minn., 10 years. Since 1928 Rev. Loreen has been pastor of the First Lutheran Church at Rockford. In 1938 Augustana College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Rev. Loreen was married in 1915 to Laura Johnson of Duluth, Minn. They have five children, Merida, a nurse; Albert, Jr., employed in furniture factory; Ruth, studying art at Bethany College; Genevieve, student at Augustana College; Paul and Kathryn, attending city schools.

GILBERT A. JOHNSON, architect, was born in Rockford March 12, 1892. His father, Axel F. Johnson, came to America from Stockholm, Sweden, about 1890. A sailor in his native land, he has been employed in the Rockford machine shops. He is still living, his wife, Anna Johnson, having passed away about 45 years ago. After attending the public school Gilbert entered an architect's office at 14 and learned the business in architects' offices. In 1914 he became a partner in the firm Peterson & Johnson. Since the death of Mr. Peterson in 1931 Mr. Johnson has operated alone, his office being located at 501 Seventh street. Mr. Johnson's firm has designed the Rockford Post Office, four of the city banks, a large number of the factory buildings and all the city schools for the last 18 years. They are just completing a building program of Rockford schools of 3¼ million dollars. In 1918 Mr. Johnson was married to Hazel Lindell of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Bernice, 17 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ED H. JOHNSON, photo shop proprietor, was born at Patton, Pa., August 22, 1896. His father, Louis Johnson, came to America from Sweden in the early eighties. Ed's mother, Marie Johnson, is also a native of Sweden. Ed grew up at Patton and received his education in the city schools and a business college. In 1910 the family moved to Rockford where the parents are still living. Here young Johnson was employed in a camera store until 1923 when he opened his own Photo Shop at 316 East State street, handling Kodaks and Supplies, and doing finishing work. Mr. Johnson was married in 1920 to Esther M. Nordvall of Rockford, their union being blessed with a son, James Edwin, 15. The Johnsons are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

J. AUGUST SWENSON, assessor, was born in Rockford Feb. 12, 1877. His father, Samuel August Swenson, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, in the later sixties and located near Rockford where he engaged in farming. He died December 24, 1876. August's mother, Emma Mathilda, nee Swenson, who came from Vena parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, passed away in 1920. August obtained his education in the public school and Business College. After being employed as a bookkeeper three years he went to Wyoming where he spent two years at Cody, three years as Receiver of Public Moneys at the U. S. Land Office at Lander, and seven years in banking and general mercantile business at Thermopolis and Kerby. Returning to Rockford in 1913 he associated himself with K. L. Swenson in the public accounting firm Swenson & Swenson. After serving one term as Town Clerk of Rockford Township (1933-37) he was elected Township Assessor in 1937. In 1902 Mr. Swenson entered into wedlock with Alma Caroline Stenberg of Rockford who passed away in 1922, leaving three children, Vernon E., employed in his father's office; Ruth C. (Mrs. Emrick Brodd); and Etta G., employed by the Pearson Corporation. Mr. Swenson is a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and has been very active in the Lutheran Brotherhood.

FRED C. OLSON, mortician, was born in Rockford February 1, 1888. His father, Nels Olson, came to America from Skåne, Sweden, in 1866 at 14 years of age. After working on a farm near Rockford a few years he was employed in furniture factories in this city until 1888 when he entered the undertaking business which he continued until his death February 23, 1927. Fred's mother, Selma Olson, who came to America from Småland, Sweden, as a child, is still living. Fred received his education in the city schools and at 19 entered the mortuary business with his father. From 1920 till 1928 he served as county coroner. His funeral parlor is located at 1001-03 Second avenue. In 1912 Mr. Olson was married to Ada Laws of Rockford who passed away October 27, 1918, leaving a son, Fred C., Jr., born March 3, 1917. Fred, Jr., graduated from the Worsham College of Embalming in Chicago 1937, and has been associated with his father in the mortuary business since 1935.

STANLEY A. LAWSON, paint dealer, was born in Rockford August 22, 1889. His father, Aaron P. Lawson, was born in America of Swedish parents. He was an interior decorator and performed the decoration of the First Lutheran Church when first finished. He passed away here in 1914. Stanley's mother, Emma C. Lawson, who came from Västergötland, Sweden, died April 1, 1940. Stanley received his education in the city schools and learned the decorator's trade from his father. In 1914 he opened his own business under the name of S. A. Lawson Paint Co., located at 508 East State street. Besides dealing in Paints, Wall Paper and Pictures, the firm also does decorating and picture framing. Mr. Lawson was married in 1932 to Mildred Hanchette from Belvidere, Ill. They have two children, Stanley Junior, and Bonnie Carol. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are members of the Second Congregational Church.

REV. ERNEST CONSTANTINE BLOOMQUIST was born at Calumet, Mich., February 20, 1879. His parents, Andrew and Charlotte Bloomquist, came from Småland, Sweden. They moved to Duluth, Minn., in 1882, and became charter members of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Duluth. Ernest received his preliminary education in the public school, and in 1895 went to Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter for preparatory and collegiate work, graduating with honors in 1901. While pursuing his studies at the Augustana Theological Seminary 1901-1904 he was conductor of the well-known Wennerberg Male Chorus. He was ordained in June, 1904, at Lindsborg, Kans., serving successively as pastor of the following churches: Lynn, Mass., 1904-08; Portland, Conn., 1908-13; First Lutheran, Tacoma, Wash., 1913-27; Emmanuel Lutheran Rockford, since 1928. While at Portland Rev. Bloomquist was a member of the Synodical Board, Immigrant Mission in New York, and its secretary for several years. While in Tacoma he served as vice president of the Columbia Conference, and for several years as editor of Sions-Bladet, later merged into Columbia Lutheran. In 1917 Rev. Bloomquist acquired the M. A. degree at the State University of Washington, and in 1929 received the D. D. degree from the Capital University, Columbus, O. He is president of the Swedish Historical Society of Rockford. In 1906 Rev. Bloomquist was married to Florence Lindgren of Moline, Ill. They have two children, Brandt ("Lynn Brandt"), announcer with the National Broadcasting Co., of Chicago; and Leonora (Mrs. Phillip Wolf), residing in Chicago.

CARL A. LAGERSTROM, realtor, was born at Grenna, Jönköpings län, Sweden, August 2, 1883, and emigrated to America in 1902, locating at Rockford. A blacksmith by trade, he was employed in the Rockford factories until 1910 when he engaged in land business for Minneapolis land companies with headquarters at Rockford. Later he entered business for himself as a realtor and insurance agent. His office is located at 207 Seventh street. During the World War he served in the army 15 months. In 1920 Mr. Lagerstrom was married to Maude Callson from Lafayette, Ind. They have two daughters, Corinne, 18, and Virginia, 14. Mr. Lagerstrom is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, of Svea Söner, of which he has been a director for 10 years, and of the Swedish Gymnastic Club. He has been a member of the John Ericsson Republican League for 28 years, serving as State President of the League in 1934.

SIGFRED H. LINDBLADE, shoe dealer, was born in Hjo, Västergötland, Sweden, August 22, 1897, and emigrated to America in 1916. After spending four months at Palmer, Ia., working on a farm he moved to Rockford where he was employed by the Haddorff Piano Co. a year and by the Star Bit and Tool Co. six years. In 1920 he entered the shoe business in partnership with Mr. Baumgardt, but since 1924 has operated a shoe store and repair shop alone at 1113 Broadway. Mr. Lindblade was married in 1924 to Pearl Carlson from Greeley, Colo. They have three children, Rodger, 14; Lindor, 12, and Nyema, 10. Mr. and Mrs. Lindblade are members of the Christian Free Church.

GUST E. SWANSON, merchant, was born in Ryssby, Småland, Sweden, October 7, 1887, and came to America in 1902, locating at Rockford. After working in a furniture factory for three years he operated a grocery store for six months and was then employed by Carl Sandstedt, a grocer, for three years. Entering into partnership with Mr. Sandstedt he became operator of a second store and then bought out his partner and conducted the store alone one year. Disposing of his business through a trade he next moved to New Milford where he remained 2½ years. In 1920 he returned to Rockford and entered the American Beauty Phonograph business, later changing to a complete line of music merchandise. The store, located at 403 Seventh street, has a School of Music connected with it. Including the teachers, some 29 people are employed by the establishment. On June 14, 1910, Mr. Swanson was married to Bertha Johnson of Rockford. They have a daughter, Loraine (Mrs. C. M. Olson), a graduate of the Augustana College Language Department, residing at Wilmington, Del. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are members of the Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Swanson is assistant Supervisor of Rockford township and vice president of the Illinois Conference Brotherhood, being chairman of the Juvenile Commission of the Brotherhood.

CARL E. LINDQUIST, jeweler, was born in Rockford April 4, 1887. His father, Oscar P. Lindquist, who came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1882, has been active as a contractor and farmer. Carl's mother, Sophia Lindquist, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, passed away in 1930. Carl obtained his education in the city schools whereupon he engaged in the grocery business five years and was employed as a traveling salesman for a similar period. In 1916 he entered the jewelry business, his store being located at 1137 Broadway. Mr. Lindquist was married in 1910 to Ruth Peterson who passed away in 1925, leaving four children, Dwight, assisting his father in the store; Franklin, studying optometry; Ruth (Mrs. A. Voley), Hopkinton, Ia.; and John, attending school. In 1929 Mr. Lindquist entered wedlock the second time with Lillian Tinberg of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist are members of the Free Church.

CARL O. NYMAN, attorney, was born in Rockford, Ill., October 5th, 1889. His father, Oscar H. Nyman, came to America in 1859, at the age of 2, the family locating first in New York. On reaching maturity he engaged in furniture work in Chicago and Rockford, passing away in this city in 1918. Mr. Nyman's mother, Anna Sarah Nyman, was born in Sweden, but came to America at 14 years of age. She died in 1910. Mr. Nyman attended public school and afterwards studied law at the Northern Illinois College of Law and the University of Chicago, graduating from the latter institution in 1914. After teaching school one year, at the Hall Township High and Vocational School, Spring Valley, Illinois, he began the practice of law in 1915. His offices are located in 304 Reliance Building. On November 25th, 1915, Mr. Nyman was married to Mildred Ida Hoge of Morris, Ill., with whom he has a daughter, Miriam Lorraine, age 15. Mr. Nyman was a member of the 57th General Assembly of Illinois.

REV. GUSTAV ERICKSON was born in Floda parish, Södermanland, Sweden, May 3, 1877, and came to America in 1890, locating first at Hobart, Ind. After being employed in brick yards and stores for some years he in 1900 entered the Swedish Theological Seminary of the Methodist Church at Evanston, Ill., from which he graduated in 1904. He served as pastor two years in Waukegan, Ill., one year in Chicago and four years in Lincoln, Nebr., where he attended the State University two years and the Wesleyan University one year. After being pastor in Omaha, Nebr., from 1911 till 1918, he was District Superintendent of the Western District for two years, residing at Saronville, Nebr. From 1920 till 1924 he was pastor in Minneapolis, Minn., and from 1924 till 1938 at Jamestown, N. Y. Since 1938 he has been pastor of the Swedish Methodist Church in Rockford. Rev. Erickson was married in 1906 to Amanda Aspegren of Saronville, Nebr. They have five children, Oliver W., assistant sales manager of Marlin-Rockwell Corporation, Jamestown, N. Y.; Francis, with the Coca-Cola Co.; Everett, with the Delaware Powder Co., Pineville, Ky.; Herman, salesman for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co.; and Kenneth, employed by the American Insurance Co.

HARRY S. SPONGBERG, druggist, was born in Rockford January 7, 1889. His father, Edward Spongberg, emigrated to America from Västmanland, Sweden, in 1884 and located in Rockford where he was employed by the Forest City Bakery and Grocery store. He died in 1903. Harry's mother, Estella Spongberg, also a native of Sweden, is still living. Harry attended the city schools and started work in a drug store at 15, whereupon he studied pharmacy at the University of Illinois Pharmacy School in Chicago and the Indiana State Board School of Pharmacy. After being employed as a pharmacist by Chas. W. Gustafson for six years and by John Wester eight years he entered into drug business in partnership with O. E. Rudelius under the name of Spongberg & Rudelius, buying out the old druggist Tragardh in 1919. Sixteen years later the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Spongberg taking over one of the stores, located at 1518 Broadway which he is now operating. In 1911 Mr. Spongberg was married to Edna Stenwall of Rockford. They have two children, Allen E., 28, pharmacist, and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Spongberg are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

LEONARD LUNDIN, attorney, was born in Rockford August 21, 1908. His father, Gust W. Lundin, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, in 1898 and located in Rockford where he has been active as a mason contractor. Leonard's mother, Mathilda (Peterson) Lundin, is also a native of Småland. After attending the Rockford schools, Leonard continued his studies at the University of Illinois where he obtained his B. A. in 1932 and finished his law course in 1937. Since then he has been practicing law at Rockford, his office being located in 502 Rockford National Bank Bldg. Mr. Lundin is a member of the Second Congregational Church and holds a Reserve Commission as Captain in the Adjutant General Department of U. S. Army. He was married on February 17, 1940, to Frances Bjorling of Galesburg, Ill.

NILS F. TESTOR, executive, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, April 29, 1903, and received his education in the High School and the Frans Schartau Business College, graduating from the latter in 1922. After military training as Second Lieutenant he emigrated to America in 1924, locating first in Aurora, Ill. Starting with the F. W. Woolworth Co. as a learner he was employed in seven stores of that Company, becoming ultimately manager of the Seventh street Woolworth store in Rockford, which position he held 1½ years. Quitting the Woolworth Co. in 1929, he was offered a position by the Axel Karlson's Klister Co. which concern, after meeting with financial reverses, was reorganized in 1934, Mr. Testor buying the assets and changing the name to Testor Cement Co. The company now sells adhesives of all kinds through wholesale houses and chain stores in United States and Canada, doing also some export business. They recently moved into new commodious modern quarters at 2305 Charles street. In 1928 Mr. Testor was married to Lisa Forss of Aurora, Ill., a native of Gefle, Sweden. Mr. Testor is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society and actively interested in Swedish cultural efforts.

K. LUDVIG SWENSON, accountant, was born in Rockford Oct. 25, 1879. His father, John Swenson, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, in 1869, and located first at Paxton, Ill., whence he moved to Rockford in 1871. He was a carpenter and worked at his trade, passing away here in 1923. Ludvig's mother, Mathilda Swenson, came from Östergötland, Sweden. Ludvig received his education in the public schools and at Rockford Business College where he graduated in 1898. After working two years for the Illinois Sewing Machine Co. and three years for the Chicago Sewing Machine Co., Chicago, he was in charge of the Cost Department of the Barber Coleman Co., Rockford, 10 years and secretary and treasurer of the Rockford Lathe and Drill Co. a similar period. For the last sixteen years he has been a member of the accounting firm of Swenson & Swenson with office at 501 Seventh street. On June 6, 1906, Mr. Swenson was married to Olga Marie Larson of Ironwood, Mich. They have two daughters, Verona (Mrs. Earl Peterson); and Helen, employed by the Empire Limited. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

AUGUST W. LARSON, furniture dealer, was born in Sjögestad parish, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, December 12, 1873, and emigrated to America in 1891, going directly to Rockford. Taking up wood carving, he was employed seven years in factories in Rockford and Chicago. In 1898 he opened a meat store at Rockford which he operated until 1906 when he entered the furniture business in association with the late C. A. Hult who passed away in 1933, Mr. Larson and his sons now being the owners of the store. In 1900 Mr. Larson was married to Hulda C. Englund from Lafayette, Ind. They have four children, LeRoy W., associated with his father in business; Florence I., employed as stenographer by Greenlee Brothers; Harold C., with Rosenquist & Chabacker; Bertil L., asscoiated with father. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church.

REV. CARL GUSTAF WESTERDAHL was born in Halmstad, Sweden, January 3, 1888, and came with the family to America in 1890. His father, Gustaf Westerdahl, was a gardener and located at Newport, R. I., where he passed away in 1925. Carl's mother, Bernardina Westerdahl, is still living at Ossining, N. Y. Carl grew up at Newport and received his early training in the city schools. His parents being of the Methodist faith, he went to the Theological Seminary at Evanston, Ill., in 1909, graduating from that school in 1914. In the meanwhile he spent 1½ years at the Boston University School of Theology. After graduation he served the following Methodist churches: Chicago Heights, Ill.; Garner, Mass.; Western Springs, Ill.; and after graduation, Arlington, N. J.; Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Seattle, Wash.; Immanuel M. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bethany M. E., Chicago. Since affiliating with the Mission Covenant he has been pastor of the following churches: Broadway Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; Los Angeles Mission Covenant Church, and, since November, 1935, the Mission Tabernacle at Rockford. Rev. Westerdahl was married in 1915 to Helen Louise Westlin, of Arlington, N. Y. They have been blessed with three children, Wilbur, 21, a student at North Park College; Elaine who passed away in Los Angeles in 1930 at eight years of age; and Eloise, born in 1932.

ALBIN L. BROQUIST, plumber, was born at Pecatonica, Ill., June 27, 1891. His father, John Broquist, came to America from Kisa, Östergötland, Sweden, in 1884 and located at Pecatonica, whence he moved to Rockford in 1900, being active as a blacksmith and carpenter. He now resides at Lake Dollivan, Wis. After attending the public schools Albin worked in factories and then learned the plumber's trade. In 1924 he associated himself with Oscar K. Johnson, opening a plumbing and heating shop at 107 Seventh street. Mr. Broquist was married in 1915 to Anna Christianson of Rockford. They have a son, Roger, 19, employed in a factory.

OSCAR K. JOHNSON, plumber, was born in Skaraborgs län, Sweden, April 12, 1878, and came with his parents to America in 1881 where they located at Rockford. Oscar's father, John G. Johnson, who was a furniture worker, died here in 1918, his mother, Sarah Maria Johnson, having passed away ten years earlier. After attending the public school Oscar learned plumbing and worked for other plumbers until 1924 when he went into partnership with Albin L. Broquist, above. Mr. Johnson was married in 1906 to Anna E. Jacobson of Rockford with whom he has a son, Clayton T., 32, employed at the Star Pattern Shop.

GEORGE A. DAHL, coal dealer, was born in Rockford September 26, 1883. His father, Carl A. Dahl, was born in Sweden. He was employed in a tannery and passed away March 26, 1903. George's mother, Anna Dahl, also a native of Sweden, died March 3, 1905. George received his education in the city schools and was then employed in machine shops until he entered the coal business in 1926 under the name of Broadway Fuel Co., his yard being located at 1835 Broadway. In 1916 Mr. Dahl was married to Ethel Ostrom of Rockford. They have a daughter, Doris A., employed as a stenographer.

J. H. HALLSTROM, ex-mayor, was born in Hag, Rappestad parish, Östergötland, Sweden, November 18, 1888, and emigrated to America in 1908, locating in Rockford. Here he devoted himself to the building trades first as a mason's helper and then as a stone mason and bricklayer until 1917 when he entered the army, serving the colors nearly two years, whereof 16 months abroad. Returning to Rockford after the war he took up his trade and was quite active both in labor organizations and as a member of the socialist party. In the spring of 1921 he was elected mayor for two years and reelected for two succeeding terms. Being defeated for a fourth term in 1927, he took up contracting and general insurance, but discontinued contracting in the summer of 1929. Again candidate for mayor in 1929, he was elected for a fourth term, and reelected in 1931, serving his city as mayor ten years in all. Since 1933 he has devoted himself to insurance business with office in 606 City Hall Bldg. In 1922 Mr. Hallstrom was married to Ruth Martha Hammarstrang of Rockford. She passed away January 1, 1939, leaving two children, Irene and Roy, both attending High School. Mr. Hallstrom is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and president of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

THORSTEN THORSTENSON, gas station operator, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, April 16, 1892, and emigrated to America in 1912, stopping first in Chicago, but continuing to Rockford the same year. After being employed in furniture factories for about 18 years he entered the gas and oil business in 1930 and is now operating the Cities Service Station at First and Walnut streets. In 1915 Mr. Thorstenson entered into wedlock with Hannah Kjellin from Västergötland, Sweden. They have a son, Bertil, 21, employed by the Woodward Governor Engineering Co. of Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Thorstenson are members of the Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Thorstenson is a member of the Svithiod John Ericsson Lodge and the Scandinavian Fraternity Lodge Harold, being now District Treasurer of the S. F. A. and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Supreme Lodge, S. F. A. He has served as a member of the Rockford Board of Education two years, and is Alderman of the city since 1939. He has also taken active interest in the Swedish Historical Society of Rockford and is at present Chairman of the Radio Committee of said society.

WILBUR E. JOHNSON, attorney, was born at Rockford December 6, 1903. His father, Levi Johnson, came from Sweden to America as a child and grew up in Rockford. He has been engaged in furniture and allied industries. Wilbur's mother, Anna (Blomstrom) Johnson, was born in Rockford of Swedish parents. After attending the city schools Wilbur did two years pre-legal work at the University of Illinois, wherupon he studied law in law offices and was admitted to the bar in 1925, and entered law practice in Rockford. His office is located in 115 Seventh street. From 1930 till 1933 Mr. Johnson was city attorney. He is now attorney for the Sanitary District of Rockford. In 1934 Mr. Johnson was married to Esther Johnson of Rockford and Kewanee, Ill. They are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

LAUREL E. CARLSTROM, merchant, was born at Rockford September 4, 1897. His father, John August Carlstrom, came to America from Öland, Sweden, in 1881. His mother, Sadie (Bullard) Carlstrom, was born in Illinois of English parentage and passed away in 1919. Laurel grew up in Rockford and received his education in the city schools. During the World War he attended the Northwestern University Special Officers' Training School for the Navy. After the war he engaged in trucking business for four years. Taking a position with the McAlpine Furniture concern, he went with Mr. McAlpine to Belvidere, Ill., remaining there two years. Returning to Rockford in 1924, he worked for the Blomquist Furniture Co. 3½ years, and then in 1897 opened the Car-Pet-Line store in association with O. W. T. Peterson. They deal in Carpets, Rugs and Draperies, their store being located at 424-30 Seventh street. In 1918 Mr. Carlstrom was married to Ruth Sandeen of Rockford. They have a son, Murray, 20, a salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Carlstrom are affiliated with the Broadway Methodist Church.

REV. ELMER JOHNSON was born in Andover, S. D., October 25, 1895. His father, Lewis Johnson, came to America from Ekshärad parish, Värmland, Sweden, in 1888. He located in South Dakota where he was engaged as a railroad worker and farmer. Twelve years ago he moved to Rockford where he has since been employed by the Rockford Screw Products Co. He is now 76 years of age. Elmer's mother. Johanna, nee Johnson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, died in 1927. Elmer grew up at Stockholm, S. D., where he attended the public school. Afterwards he studied at the Moody Bible Institute and the Evangelical Free Church Bible Instiute in Chicago. During 1920-21 he was engaged as a traveling evangelist in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota. Coming to Rockford in 1922, he served as assistant pastor of the Free Church here until 1927 when he became pastor of the church. In June 21, 1922, Rev. Johnson was married to Lillie Westlund of Harper, Wash. They have four children, Rachel, Llewellyn, Leland, and Kurt.

ELMER O. STRAND, city clerk, was born in Callender, Ia., December 8, 1882. His father, John Strand, came from Åsarp, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1870, and located first at Clinton, Ia., whence he moved to Callender in 1881 and located on a farm. He died in 1919. Elmer's mother, Anna Strand who came from Skåne, Sweden, died in 1916. Elmer spent his earlier days on the farm and attended the rural school. Coming to Rockford with the family in 1895, he completed his education in the city schools and at Brown's Business College. After serving 3½ years as a member of the Fire Department and twelve years as mail carrier he was elected city clerk in 1921, having held that office continuously since. In October, 1916, Mr. Strand was married to Josephine Nelson of Rockford. They have four children, Pauline, a graduate of the University of Illinois; Corinne, a student at the Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.; John, a 1940 graduate of the Rockford High School; and Richard, attending public school. Mr. and Mrs. Strand are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

IVAR J. LARSON, dry goods merchant, was born in Rockford December 10, 1893. His father, Alfred Larson, came to Rockford from Sköfde, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1892. He was employed in furniture factories in Rockford and passed away here in 1932. Ivar's mother, Emma Larson, also a native of Västergötland, Sweden, died in 1912. Ivar obtained his education in the city schools and then secured employment in dry goods stores. During the World War he served in the army 1½ years, whereof one year abroad and was wounded in action, spending some time in hospitals in France and United States. Having operated a dry goods store for a short time before entering the army, he again took up this line of business after the war and is now conducting a Dry Goods and Men's Furnishing store at 1133-35 Broadway. In 1920 Mr. Larson was married to Gertrude Davey of Rockford who was taken by death in 1938, leaving a son, William John, now 18 years old. Mr. Larson is a member of the Baltic Lodge, I. O. V., and has been alderman since 1931.

CARL VILHELM EASTMAN, hotel proprietor, was born in Arjeplog, Norrbottens län, Sweden, October 31, 1874, and came to America in 1911. Locating in Rockford, he worked in the furniture factories for ten years. He then purchased the Skandia Hotel and added a restaurant, conducting the business until 1926. On May 1, 1926, he rented the hotel at 419-421 Seventh street and renamed it Eastman Hotel. The following year he purchased the hotel for $75,000. The ground floor is rented out to business firms. The upper floors contain lobby, family apartment and 83 guest rooms. In 1900 Mr. Eastman was married to Maria Westerlund from Arjeplog, Sweden. They have two adopted children, Nels who works in a factory; and Alma (Mrs. P. A. Soderstedt) who resides at the Eastman Hotel.

FRITZ J. ANDERSON, furniture dealer, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, January 8, 1885, and emigrated to America in 1904. After spending two years in New York he came to Rockford in 1906 and was engaged in furniture factories and furniture store until 1921 when he entered into partnership with Oscar A. Strand, purchasing the furniture store at 217 East State street which they are now operating. The firm deals in furniture and floor coverings. Mr. Anderson was married in 1907 to Minnie Engquist of Rockford with whom he has a son, Perry J., 28, an artist, located in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the First Lutheran Church.

OSCAR E. STRAND, furniture dealer, a brother of Elmer O. Strand, whose biography appears on the preceding page, was born at Callender, Ia., January 20, 1886, and came to Rockford in 1895. After finishing the public school and High School he was engaged as a mail carrier for 17 years. In January, 1921, he went into partnership with Fritz J. Anderson, above, purchasing the furniture store which they are now operating. Mr. Strand was married in 1914 to Edith Engquist of Rockford. They have two sons, Eugene, 20, attending Beloit College, and Edwin, 17, a student in the Rockford High School. Mr. and Mrs. Strand are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

EDWIN CARLSON, contractor, was born in Rockford April 19, 1889. His father, David Carlson, came to America from Blekinge, Sweden, in the later eighties. He first worked on farms and for roofing contractors until he started his own roofing business in 1888 which he continued till his death in 1915. Edwin's mother, Ellen A. Carlson, who came to America from Vadstena, Östergötland, Sweden, is still living. After attending the public school Edwin was employed in dry goods stores for three years and then took a course in a business college. Afterwards he was employed by the C. M. R. R. four years and by the C. M. & G. R. R. two years. Upon the death of his father in 1915 he entered the roofing business in association with his brother, Inar A., which they are now conducting under the name of David Carlson Roofing Co., Inc., with office at 2501 Charles street. They also own and operate The Carlson Insulation Co. and employ 35 people in all. In 1916 Edwin W. Carlson was married to Alice E. Dahlgren of Rockford. They have four children, David Albert, engaged in business with his father; Betty Mae, attending Grinnell College; Edwin W. Jr., attending High School; and Alice E. The Carlsons are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

INAR A. CARLSON, contractor, a brother of Edwin W. Carlson, above, was born in Rockford April 19, 1889. After attending the public school and High School he took a course at the Augustana College, where he graduated in 1922. During the World War he served in the Navy 1½ years. Since his father's death he has been associate owner with his brother of the David Carlson Roofing Co., Inc., Edwin W. Carlson being president of the company and Inar A. Carlson secretary. In 1923 Inar A. Carlson was married to Selma Westerland of Chicago with whom he has three children, Mary Ellen, Kathryn, and John. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

FRANZ G. SHOSTROM, sign painter, was born in Järved, near Örnsköldsvik, Sweden, May 20, 1890, and emigrated to America in 1906. Locating in Rockford, he worked in furniture factory ten years, taking up sign painting in 1917. His shop is located at 1025 Second avenue. Mr. Shostrom was married in 1912 to Hilma Allsen from Södermanland, Sweden. They have two sons, Franz Adolph, 27, associated with his father in sign painting, and Evert Leo, 19, a salesman. Mr. Shostrom is a member of Svea Söner and the S. M. & S. F. Society.

GEDOR W. ALDEEN, executive, was born in Stora Malm parish, Södermanland, Sweden, April 22, 1886, and came to America in 1904, locating at Rockford. A machinist by trade, he worked in machine shops and added to his store of knowledge by means of a correspondence course. For 23 years he was connected with the National Lock Co. as works manager, chief engineer and vice president, successively. In association with his brother, R. A. Aldeen, and Mr. Thorsten Erickson he organized in 1929 the American Cabinet Hardware Corporation of which he is now president and his brother secretary and treasurer. The Corporation whose factory and offices are located at 416-24 South Main street manufactures Cabinet Hardware and

employs about 600 people. Mr. Aldeen was married in 1914 to Elna Carlson from Eskilstuna, Sweden, who was taken by death April 20, 1937, leaving two children, Norris, 23, clerk in the Corporation employ, and June, a student in High School. Mr. Aldeen is a member of the Christian Free Church of which he has been a trustee for 15 years. He is also a trustee of The Free Church of America and a member of the Board of the Free Church Bible Institute and Seminary.

AXEL EKLUND, restaurateur, was born at Borås, Västergötland, Sweden, January 16, 1884, and came to America in 1902, locating first at Elgin, Ill., whence he moved to Rockford 18 months later. A machinist by trade, he worked at his trade until September, 1920, when he started restaurant business in association with his brother, Arthur Eklund, under the firm name Eklund Brothers. Axel Eklund was married in 1907 to Hildur Anderson from Stockholm, Sweden. They have three children, Stina (Mrs. Arthur Hillman), Chicago; Axel Junior, and Eleanor. Axel Eklund is a member of the Good Templar Lodge Rockford and the Viking Lodge Ellida.

ARTHUR EKLUND, restaurateur, a brother of Axel Eklund, above, was born September 10, 1886, and came to America in 1912, locating in Chicago where he was employed as a butler. Later he moved to Rockford and became associated with his brother in the restaurant business. He was married in 1914 to Ellen Anderson from Eskilstuna, Sweden, their union being blessed with a son, Arthur, Jr., employed in the steel industry in Chicago. The Eklund Brothers Restaurant which is located at 614 Seventh avenue, makes a specialty of 'Smörgåsbord" and the various Swedish dishes.

DR. STANLEY JOHN ADAMSON was born in Rockford August 22, 1907. His father, John Sanford Adamson, came to America in 1892 from Stoby, Västergötland, Sweden, and located at Rockford, where he was engaged as a machinist. He died January 28, 1940. Stanley's mother, Jennie Sophia Adamson, who came from Småland, Sweden, is still living. After attending the city schools Stanley studied osteopathy at the Chicago College of Osteopathy where he graduated in 1935. Practicing his profession one year at the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital he then opened his own practice in his home city in January, 1937, with office in Room 204 Security National Bank Bldg. Dr. Adamson was married June 26, 1934, to Mildred E. Larson of Rockford.

ED CARLSON, clothier, was born at Rockford August 11, 1890. His father, Alfred Carlson, came to Rockford in 1872 from Östergötland, Sweden, and engaged in farming. He died in 1918. Ed's mother, Clara Carlson, also from Sweden, passed away in 1937. Ed obtained his education in the city schools, whereupon he became clerk in clothing stores, spending 25 years with the S. A. Johnson Clothing Co. In 1925 he associated himself with his brother, Walter Carlson, in establishing the Ed Carlson, Inc., clothing store at 303 East State street. Mr. Carlson was married in 1911 to Vera Lobdell of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Leola (Mrs. K. Reber).

WALTER CARLSON, clothier, a brother of Ed Carlson, above, was born at Rockford January 30, 1894. After attending the public school and High School he was employed as clerk in clothing stores until 1925 when he joined his brother in establishing the Ed Carlson, Inc. In 1926 he was married to Florence Johnson of Rockford. They have a son, John Edward, 5.

ARVID M. SWENSON, photographer, was born in Skillingaryd, Småland, Sweden, November 1, 1903, and came to America in October, 1920, locating at Rockford. From his uncle here, A. L. Dahlstrom, he learned the photographer's art, and in January, 1928, took over his uncle's business at 219-221 Seventh street. Mr. Swenson is a member of the Zion Church and the Vega Good Templar Lodge.

FRANK O. J. LINDSTROM, travel and employment agent, was born in Rockford October 17, 1885. His father, Charles Johnson, who came to America from Hälsingborg, Sweden, was employed here in a glove factory. He died in 1891. Frank's mother, Adolphina Johnson, who was a native of Gothenburg, Sweden, died December 31, 1929. Frank obtained his education in the city schools and Brown's Business College. Taking up office work, he was employed as a bookkeeper by the Haddorff Piano Co. four years and was engaged ten years with the Emerson-Brantingham Co., two years in Rockford and eight years in Omaha. He then went west and located in San Diego, Calif., but after two years returned to Rockford in 1922 and entered private employment business. In 1928 he added Travel Bureau business. His office is located at 108 West State street. In 1910 Mr. Lindstrom entered into marriage union with Daisy Sturm of Rockford. They are affiliated with the Trinity Lutheran Church.

CHARLES ANDERSON, confectioner, was born in Varnhem parish, Västergötland, Sweden, June 12, 1870, and emigrated to America in 1887. He located in Rockford where he worked in factories the first two years and for a lawyer another two years. After engaging in carpenter work about two years he entered the milk business to which he devoted himself for 21 years. In 1913 he opened a confectionery store on Seventh street and is now engaged in similar business at 326 East State street. Mr. Anderson was married in 1889 to Selma Larson from Västergötland, Sweden, who passed away in 1922, leaving two children, Clinton, 34, who is associated with his father in business, and Evelyn (Mrs. Richard Youngberg). Mr. Anderson is affiliated with the Zion Lutheran Church.

REV. JOHN ALFRED BENANDER was born in Högsäter parish, Dalsland, Sweden, February 6, 1872, and emigrated to America in 1890, going first to Moline, Ill., whence he later moved to Sherrard, in the same state. After attending the public school he went to Augustana College in 1893 and after graduating in 1900 continued his studies at the Theological Seminary, finishing his course in 1903. From 1903 to 1905 he served as pastor at Kiron and Odebolt, Ia., and from 1905 to 1908 at Aurora, Ill. Since 1908 he has been pastor of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Rockford. Rev. Benander was married in 1904 to Minnie Engquist from Harcourt, Ia. Their union has been blessed with twin children, Ruth, attending the Bible School at Minneapolis, Minn., and Rudolph, a mortician at La Porte, Ind.

HARRY O. SWANSON, executive, was born in Rockford, February 11, 1898. His father, Gustaf C. Swanson, came to America from Jönköpings län, Sweden, about 1890, locating first at Beloit, Wis., where he remained two years. Later he moved to Rockford and engaged in grocery business in this city, passing away here November 11, 1939. Harry's mother, Ida J. Swanson, who came from Värmland, Sweden, died here in May, 1917. Harry grew up in Rockford and received his education in the city schools and a business college. After being employed by the Emerson-Brantingham Co. for some time he went with the National Lock Co. with whom he was connected for four years. Since 1920 he has been associated with the Elco Tool and Screw Corporation of which he is secretary and treasurer. The Elco Corporation was organized in August, 1918, with office and shops located at 1800 Broadway. They manufacture Screws, Bolts, Nuts and Cold Headed Products and employ about 275 people. In 1918 Mr. Swanson was married to Ethel A. Almquist of Rockford, their union being blessed with two children, Robert T., and Dorothy Mae. Mr. Swanson is a member of the Rockford Park Board and of the Svea Söner Society.

PAUL G. SWANSON, a brother of Harry O. Swanson, above, was born in Rockford October 19, 1895, and received his education in the public schools and a business college. For four years he was connected with the National Lock Co. During the World War he served in the army 18 months, whereof 14 months overseas. In 1923 he joined his brother in the Elco Tool and Screw Corporation of which he is now vice president and sales manager. Mr. Swanson was married in 1925 to Ina Anderson of Rockford. They have a daughter, Shirley Mae. Mr. Swanson is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

CLARENCE S. ANDERSON, electric contractor, was born in Rockford January 31, 1903. His father, Gustaf Anderson, emigrated to America from Skurup, Skåne, Sweden, in 1890 and located in Rockford where he was employed in furniture factories until he entered the electric business about 18 years ago. He died in 1937. Clarence's mother, Ellen Anderson, also a native of Sweden, is still living. Clarence received his education in the public school and High School. Sixteen years ago he entered the electric business and began contracting for himself in September, 1931, his office being located at 310 Seventh street. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church.

NELS LIND, contractor, was born in Dalby, Skåne, Sweden, January 19, 1879, and came to America in 1901, locating at Rockford. After working some months in a furniture factory he began carpenter work, having learned the trade in Sweden. In 1916 he started contracting for himself. Mr. Lind was married in 1904 to Jenny Johnson from Skurup, Skåne, Sweden. They have five children, Bernice, stenographer for Nelson & Nelson, attorneys; Helen, teacher in the public school; Kenneth, architect in Chicago; William and Marshall, employed as salesmen. Mr. and Mrs. Lind are members of the Bethany Methodist Church and reside at 118 Shaw street.

REV. CLARENCE HAROLD ANDERZON was born at Ceresco, Nebr., March 13, 1898. His father, Nels August Anderson, came to America from Limhamn, Skåne, Sweden, in 1890, and located in Nebraska where he engaged in farming. Clarence's mother, Amanda (Trued) Anderson, was born at Ceresco of Swedish parents. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are now retired and living at Denver, Colo. Clarence grew up at Ceresco and attended the rural school. In 1913 he went to the Academy at St. Peter, Minn., and finished his academic course at the Minnesota College in 1916. The same year he entered Augustana College. During the World War he enlisted in the army in 1917, serving 26 months, whereof 12 months abroad. Returning to America in 1919 he received his discharge as sergeant and reentered college, graduating in 1922. Taking a homestead in Colorado in 1922, he remained on his claim until 1923 and was then called to take charge of the congregations at Big Lake, Monticello and Silver Creek, Minn. Having taken a year's credit at the Theological Seminary he returned to school in the fall of 1923 and finished his course in 1925 when he was ordained. From 1925 till 1928 he was pastor at DuBois, Pa. In February, 1928, he took charge of the Tabor Lutheran Church at Rockford. On June 24, 1925, Rev. Anderzon was married to Rosa Regina Erickson of Erie, Pa. They have three children, David Harold, 10, and two twin daughters, Joanne Rose and Janice Ruth, 7 years old.

REV. ALBIN E. APPELQUIST was born in Malmö, Sweden, September 8, 1894, and came to America with parents in 1899. The parents, Carl Victor and Elida Appelquist, located in Chicago where the father was engaged as a tinsmith. Albin grew up in Chicago, attended the city schools and the Salvation Army Training School where he graduated in 1913. For ten years he was an officer in the army, serving at Two Harbors, Minn.; Des Moines, Ia.; Omaha, Nebr.; Denver, Colo.; Marinette, Wis.; Muskegon, Mich.; Chicago and Princeton, Ill. In 1929 he was ordained a Baptist minister at Kewanee, Ill., having since served as pastor at Kewanee and Princeton, Ill.; Stratford, Ia.; and, since June, 1937, Elim Baptist Church, Rockford, Ill. Rev. Appelquist was married June 6, 1917, to Nan Lundberg of Princeton, Ill. They have five children, Raynold, 21, employed at the National Lock factory; Harlan, 19, employed by the Rockford Screw Products Co.; Miriam, a graduate of the High School; Margaret and Carl, students at the High School.

ANDERS A. VESTINE, clothier, was born in Grums parish, Värmland, Sweden, February 19, 1884, and after spending a year in London, England, came to America in 1909, going directly to Rockford. A tailor by trade, he worked for other tailors four years, and then established his own tailor shop in 1914. From 1919 to 1922 he was in partnership with Elmer Bergren, adding Men's Clothing to their establishment. After buying out Mr. Bergren in 1922 Mr. Vestine has been sole owner of the store, located at 1028 Broadway. In 1910 Mr. Vestine entered into wedlock with Hedvig Franzen from Lidköping, Västergötland. Mr. Vestine is a member of the Odd Fellow lodge Tegner.

CARL P. SWANSON, electric merchant, was born at Perstorp, Oderljunga parish, Kristianstads län, Sweden, February 18, 1893. His father, Nels Swanson, emigrated to America the same year Carl was born and located first in Omaha where he remained seven years, moving in 1900 to Swedeburg, Nebraska. He was a carpenter and builder and worked at his trade until 1910 when he located on a farm near Swedeburg and engaged in farming for about ten years. Afterwards he moved to Mead where he still resides with his wife, Johanna Swanson. Carl came to America in 1907 and worked on the farm two years. He then went to Omaha and learned the barber's trade. After being employed by the Paxton & Gallagher Co. as order clerk 2½ years he returned to his folks at Swedeburg, spending two years on the farm whereupon he was engaged as assistant operator of the Nye Schneider Fowler elevator at Swedeburg three years. In 1918 he moved to Rockford and worked as a carpenter for eight years and as electric repair man about four years. In 1930 he opened an electric store at 1013 Broadway which he is now conducting under the name of Swanson Electric Shop. Mr. Swanson was married in 1915 to Lillian Rohlin of Swedeburg, formerly of Rockford. They have two children, Irene (Mrs. Ray Lindquist), and Carl Kenneth, 18, assisting in his father's store. The Swansons are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

WALTER J. LAWSON, transfer and storage, was born at Rockford, October 20, 1886. His father, Hannes Lawson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the fifties and located at Rockford where he started transfer business 56 years ago. He died in 1937. Walter's mother, Betsy Lawson, also a native of Sweden, is still living, now 80 years of age. Walter received his education in the public school and joined his father in the transfer business. He organized the Warehouse business and took over the Transfer when his father retired 25 years ago. The Lawson Transfer and Storage now occupies five large buildings at 816 Seventh street. Mr. Lawson was married in July, 1911, to Anna Anderson of Rockford. They have a daughter, Gladys, secretary of the firm. The Lawsons are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mr. Lawson being also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Svea Söner, the Viking lodge Ellida, and "Västgötaklubben."

OSCAR MAGNUSON, sheet metal worker, was born in Boda parish, Värmland, Sweden October 3, 1880, and came to America in 1899, locating first in South Manchester, Conn. In September, 1907, he came to Rockford and took up sheet metal work. After being employed by the Skandia Hardware Co. nine years and by Carlson & Son Hardware Co. as foreman five years he opened his own business in 1925 as partner in a firm, having since 1934 been sole owner of the business now conducted at 214 Seventh street under the name Oscar Magnuson Sheet Metal Works. In 1909 Mr. Magnuson was married to Ella Johnson from Västra Emtervik, Värmland. They have a daughter, Helen Ruth, stenographer in a lawyer's office in Chicago. Mr. Magnuson is a member of Every Man's Bible Class at Faust Hotel.

JOSEPH W. NILSON ("Big Joe, the plumber") was born in Rockford July 26, 1892. His father, August Nilson, came to America from Värmland, Sweden, in the early eighties. After a year spent in Iowa he returned to Sweden and upon his second arrival in America located in Rockford where he engaged in building and house moving. He died December 1, 1924, at 72 years of age. Joseph's mother, Brita Nilson, also from Värmland, died July 2, 1929. Joseph received his education in the public school, the Rockford High School and a trade school in Chicago. Learning the plumbing trade, he established his own business in 1916 which he is now conducting at 905 East State street. On July 25, 1917, Mr. Nilson was married to Helen Elizabeth Wetterstrom of Rockford. They have three children, Betty Elizabeth, a graduate of the DeKalb College; Dorothy Elaine, a student in the High School; and James Wendell. Mr. and Mrs. Nilson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

REUBEN T. KLINT, masseur, was born in Rockford April 20, 1894. His father, Emmanuel Klint, came to Rockford from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1889, and was engaged in bath business, having learned the business in Sweden. He died in 1934. Reuben's mother, Ida Klint, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, passed away in 1938. Reuben received his education in the public school and the Jacksonville High School, and learned the bath business from his father and at the Battle Creek Sanitarium where he graduated in 1919. After being engaged six years at the Union League Club in Chicago, he came to Rockford in 1926 and became associated with his father for a short time whereupon he started business for himself as operator of the Klint Bath and Massage Parlor at Hotel Faust. Mr. Klint was married in 1922 to Tekla Borg of Chicago. They have three children, Warren, 16; Beatrice, 11; and Miriam, 7. Mr. and Mrs. Klint are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

CARL ANDERSON, hotel proprietor, was born at Sjöbo, Skåne, Sweden, June 27, 1892, and came to America in 1926, locating at Rockford. After being employed as an electrician by the National Lock Co. two years and by the Mechanics Universal Joint Division Borg-Warner Corporation two years he operated the American Swedish restaurant from 1930 till 1937. In 1937 he leased the Seventh Street Hotel at 423 Seventh street, comprising three floors with 80 guest rooms, which he is now operating. Mr. Anderson was married in 1917 to Emelia Clair from Börringe, Skåne, Sweden. They are members of the Scandinavian Fraternity lodge Harold.

OTTO CARLSON, masseur, was born in Rappestad parish, Östergötland, Sweden, April 8, 1880, and came to America in 1898, locating in Rockford. After engaging in farm work a year he worked in a furniture factory 1½ years, and then spent two years with a Swedish masseur. On April 1, 1903, he opened his own massage parlor in Hotel Nelson where he is well equipped for Bath and Massage service. On August 2, 1905, Mr. Carlson was married to Esther Josephine Klint of Rockford. They have a son, Donald Carl, 27, a teacher of the Free Church at Hong Kong, China. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Swedish Christian Free Church.

ELMER J. JOHNSON, cleaner, was born in Rockford January 21, 1892. His father, August Johnson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the later eighties and located in Rockford where he was engaged in grocery business. He died January 1, 1926. Elmer's mother, Augusta Johnson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, passed away February 19, 1937. Elmer received his education in the public school and was employed in factories, later engaging in grocery business for 14 years. In 1925 he established the White Bear Cleaners & Dyers in association with his brother Dayton L. Johnson. In 1917 Elmer Johnson was married to Esther Johnson of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Janerie. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.—Dayton L. Johnson who was born November 9, 1897, is married and has two children, Dolores and Howard. A third brother, Therrence Johnson, 37, is also active in the business. The plant and office of the White Bear Cleaners & Dyers, Inc., is located at 1816 Eleventh street. Elmer J. Johnson is president of the firm and Dayton L. Johnson secretary and treasurer.

FERDINAND HOLMBERG, tailor, was born in Eringsboda parish, Blekinge, Sweden, January 25, 1882, and learned his trade in Stockholm, Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1904, he spent a year at Newark, N. J., moving to Rockford in 1905. After being employed by other tailors until 1915 he entered the clothing business which he continued until 1931. Since then he has operated a tailor shop at 1007 Fifth avenue. On March 24, 1906, Mr. Holmberg entered into marriage union with Anna Johanson from Kråksmåla, Kalmar län, Sweden. She passed away December 16, 1937, leaving two daughters, Bernice Cecilia (Mrs. Bertil Sima), whose husband is professor in German at the Case School of Appliance, Cleveland, O.; and Eleanore Christine, public school teacher at Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Holmberg is a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

GUST W. NELSON, building contractor, was born in Källa parish, Öland, Sweden, August 8, 1894, and learned the carpenter's trade in Sweden. In 1913 he emigrated to America and located in Rockford where he worked for other contractors a year. After three years spent in Alaska and eight months in government aeroplane service he started contracting for himself in 1922, having since erected a large number of residences, besides churches, schools and commercial buildings in Rockford and vicinity. In 1922 Mr. Nelson was married to Jane Peterson of Rockford. They have two children, Eldora, 16, and Grover, 13. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Zion Lutheran Church and reside at 312 North Chicago avenue.

GUNNAR LARSON, contractor, was born in Möne parish, Västergötland, Sweden, September 29, 1895, and came to America in 1914, locating in Rockford. Here he worked for other contractors from 1915 till 1929, having since engaged in building operations by himself. In 1922 Mr. Larson was married to Adina Johnson from Värmland, Sweden. They have a son, Everett, 15, attending High School. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the Evangelical Free Church and reside at 619 North Chicago avenue.

REV. GUSTAV A. GUSTAVSON was born in Västerstad parish, Malmöhus län, Sweden, October 15, 1892, and came to America in 1903 to Long Prairie, Minn., where his parents were then living. they having arrived in America some years earlier. Gustav's parents, Frank and Mary Gustavson, have been engaged in farming and still reside on the farm. After receiving his early training in the rural school Gustav entered the Bethel Academy at St. Paul in 1914, graduating in June, 1918. Having matriculated in the Bethel Seminary in 1917, he finished his course and received his Th. B. in June, 1920. Since then he has served the following churches: Lake Norden, Minn., 1920-22; St. Cloud, Minn., 1922-26; Cambridge, Minn., 1926-37; Temple Baptist Church at Rockford since August, 1937. Rev. Gustavson was married September 22, 1920, to Ellen Ahlstrand of Long Prairie, Minn. They have four children, Gordon, employed by the American Cabinet Hardware Corporation; Vivian and Eileen, attending High School; and Marion.

GEORGE V. PERRY, adjutant Swedish Salvation Army, was born on the island of Ven, in Öresund, Sweden, June 14, 1904, and received his education in the public schools, a private college at Lund, and the College at Gothenburg. In 1925 he emigrated to America, coming directly to Chicago. Having been a member of the Salvation Army in Sweden, he took up studies at the Salvation Army Training College in Chicago 1928-29, and was made Captain. He became Adjutant in 1939. While attending school in Chicago he was stationed at Lakeview two years. In September, 1929, he came to Rockford where he is still in charge of the Corps. In 1932 he was married to Inga Åberg from Bollnäs, Hälsingland, who was a teacher in the public schools in Sweden. They have three children, George Junior, 6: Elna, 4; and Ellen, 1 year old.

ESKIL L. LAGERQUIST, cleaner, was born in Rockford March 14, 1887. His father, Erick N. Lagerquist, came to America from Stockholm, Sweden, in 1882 and located in Rockford. From 1893 to 1914 he was engaged in general merchandise business, but is now associated with his son. Eskil's mother, Emma Lagerquist, was born in Västergötland, Sweden. Eskil received his education in the city schools and then engaged in laundry business for a year. In 1909 he opened a cleaning establishment at 315 Seventh street under the name of New Method Cleaners. He entered into marriage union in 1912 with Bertha Strogies of Forest Park, Ill. They have two daugthers, Phyllis and Janet. Mr. Lagerquist is a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the Lyran Singing Society.

AXEL T. PETERSON, proprietor of the Peterson Camera Shop, was born in Nerike, Sweden, March 19, 1878, and came to America in 1891, locating at Rockford. After being employed by the Rockford Silver Plate Co. for 16 years he opened his camera shop 31 years ago which he is now operating at 423 East State street under the name of Peterson Camera Shop. In 1904 Mr. Peterson was married to Hulda O. Johnson of Rockford. They have a son, Harry, 24, associated with his father in the store. The Petersons are affiliated with the Trinity Lutheran Church.

ARTHUR G. LUNDGREN, stationer, was born on a farm at Lundgren, Ia. His father, Andrew Lundgren, emigrated to America from Elfsborgs län, Sweden, in 1865 and located first at Elgin, Ill. Later he moved south to Louisiana and finally settled in Webster county, Ia., where the interurban station Lundgren, 10 miles south of Fort Dodge, was named for him and his brother Gustaf, the two being owners of the land upon which the station was located. Arthur's father died in 1893. His mother, Maria Charlotta Lundgren, also from Elfsborgs län, Sweden, is still living at Fort Dodge. Arthur attended the rural schools and the Fort Dodge High School and Augustana College at Rock Island. In 1905 he came to Rockford and worked in furniture factories until 1913 when he opened a Kodak and Stationary store which he is still conducting at 419 7th street. He was married 25 years ago to Blanche Malm of Rockford, their union being blessed with three children, Bernice, engaged as stenographer; Eugene, and Marilyn. Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church.

CHAS. HOFFMAN, tailor, was born in Falköping, Sweden, December 15, 1880, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1898, he located first at Stillman Valley, Ill., whence he moved to Windom, Minn., where he spent three years before locating at Rockford in 1905. Here he worked for other tailors until 1910 when he established his own shop which he is now operating at 305 Seventh street. Mr. Hoffman was married in 1902 to Sophia Carlen from Segerstad, Västergötland. They are blessed with seven children, David, salesman; Gunnard, machinist; Gladys (Mrs. Louis Larson); Stanley, office worker; Carl, salesman; Helen, time keeper; and Walt, tool maker. The Hoffmans are affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church.

MAURITZ HOKANSON, contractor, was born in Borrby parish, Kristianstads län, Sweden, February 14, 1885, and came to America in April, 1905, locating in Rockford. A bricklayer by trade, he worked for other contractors till 1919 when he went into partnership with August Sterner and John Sterner as building contractors. Four years later Mr. Hokanson formed a new partnership with Ture Bloom, now operating under the name of Hokanson & Bloom. Mr. Hokanson was married in 1912 to Valborg Olsen from Sandefjord, Norway. They have two daughters, Stella, a teacher in the High School at Ashton, Ill.; and Lila. Mr. and Mrs. Hokanson are members of the Good Templar lodge Vega, and reside at 507 North Chicago avenue.

TURE BLOOM, contractor, was born at Eksjö, Småland, Sweden, in 1895 and came to America in 1913, locating in Rockford. In 1915 he started learning the bricklayer's trade, working for other contractors till 1923, when he became associated with Mauritz Hokanson in the contracting firm Hokanson & Bloom. In 1925 Mr. Bloom was married to Lillian Norman from Borås, Västergötland. They have two daughters, Norma and Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom are members of the Good Templar lodge Vega and reside at 2304 Thirteenth avenue.

ARTHUR L. JOHNSON, real estate agent, ex-postmaster, was born in Rockford June 14, 1885. His father, Gust Johnson, came to America from Småland, Sweden, in the sixties and located at Rockford where he was engaged as expressman and served as chief deputy sheriff for 16 years. He died in 1915. Arthur's mother, Anna Johnson, also from Småland, Sweden, died in 1930. Arthur attended the public school, High School and Brown's Business College whereupon he became bookkeeper for the Union Overall Co. and later shipping clerk and city salesman. He then entered bicycle and motor cycle business and auto accessories, becoming in 1920 distributor of White motor trucks. In October, 1921, he was appointed postmaster of Rockford, serving in that capacity for twelve years during which period he successively filled the offices of Third, Second, and First Vice President and President of the National Association of Postmasters. In May, 1934, he entered the insurance and real estate business to which he has devoted himself since, his office being located at 622 East Jefferson street. In 1927 Mr. Johnson was president of the Trinity Lutheran Church Brotherhood and later president of the Northern Illinois Lutheran Brotherhoods. He is a member of Svea Söner and various fraternal organizations. On September 19, 1907, Mr. Johnson was married to Lillian N. Lundine of Rockford. They have two children, Marguerite (Mrs. Louis R. Birr) and Arthur L., Jr., traveling salesman for Coleman Lamp & Stove Co., Wichita, Kans.

HUGO W. LINDEN, contractor, was born in Rockford July 18, 1900. His father, Anders Linden, came to America from Skåne, Sweden, in the later eighties. A mason from Sweden, he worked here for other contractors till 1907 when he took up general contracting for himself, his sons later becoming associated with him in the firm Linden & Sons. The elder Linden passed away May 8, 1938, his wife, Hulda Linden, a native of Östergötland, Sweden, having preceded him in death in May, 1932. The present officers of the firm, Linden & Sons, Inc., are Hugo W. Linden, president; Howard Linden, vice president; Howard Beckstrom, secretary and treasurer. An elder brother of Hugo, Harold A., died in 1936. The company specializes in industrial construction and has erected many of the industrial plants in the southeastern section of the city. Office and yard are located at 1102 Tenth street.

ALFRED JOHNSON, creamery owner, was born in Grolanda parish, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, January 27, 1882, and came to America in 1901, locating at Rockford. After working on farms for six years he was employed in a factory until 1922 when he entered the creamery business. Since 1926 he has been operating the Johnson Home Creamery at 1210 Eleventh street. The annual butter output is about a half million pounds. Besides, they handle Cottage Cheese, Buttermilk and Eggs. In 1901 Mr. Johnson was married to Anna Ferm from the same place in Sweden. She passed away in 1907 leaving three boys, Nels, employed in the engineering department of Rockford; Emil and Herbert, assisting their father in the creamery. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, having served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years.

HUGO L. OLSON, executive, was born in Botilsäter parish, Värmland, Sweden, September 20, 1877, and came to America in 1893. Locating in Rockford, he worked as a machinist and also took a course at a business college. In 1911 he went with the Rockford Tool Co. and the Rockford Milling Machine Co. which in 1926 were merged into the Sundstrand Machine Tool Co. Mr. Olson was also manager of the Sundstrand Adding Machine Co. until 1927 when this concern was sold to the Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. He is now president and general manager of the Sundstrand Machine Tool Co. In 1908 Mr. Olson was married to Veva Johnson of Rockford. They have been blessed with three children, Catherine, who died 19 years ago at 11 years of age; Bruce, 23, department manager in the Sundstrand factory; and Richard, 14. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ELMER O. BERGREN, plumber, was born in Mediapolis, Ia., March 16, 1885. His father, John A. Bergren, came to America from Småland, Sweden, in the early sixties and located in Iowa where he engaged in farming. He died February 22, 1929. Elmer's mother, Louise Bergren, who came from Östergötland, Sweden, died in February, 1940, at 90 years of age. Elmer came to Rockford in 1908 and learned the plumber's trade, working for other plumbers until 1910 when he started his own business, being now located at 1020 Broadway. He is oldest in business on Broadway, having been located in the same block for thirty years. In October, 1916, Mr. Bergren was married to Laura R. Larson of Rockford. They have two daugthers, Dorothy Mae, a graduate of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Ia.; and Harriet Louise, a High School graduate. Mr. and Mrs. Bergren are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

GEORGE J. BLOMGREN, shoe merchant, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, September 24, 1882, and came with parents to America in 1891, the family locating in Rockford. George's father, August Blomgren, who was a farmer, died February 8, 1940, and his mother, Emma Blomgren, passed away in 1931. George worked in furniture factories until 1920 when he, in association with Carl Johnson, opened a shoe store which they are now conducting at 506 Seventh street. Mr. Blomgren was married in 1906 to Ellen Gustafson of Rockford. They have three children, Richard, paymaster for Haddorff Piano Co.; Ellard and Marjory, at school. Mr. and Mrs. Blomgren are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church, Mr. Blomgren being chairman of the Board and Superintendent of the Chapel Sunday School for 26 years.

CARL G. EKSTROM, news dealer, was born in Västerlösa parish, Östergötland, Sweden, April 13, 1870, and came to America in 1890, locating at Rockford. After working in furniture factories until 1914, he became operator of the Progressive News Store at 628 Seventh street, five years later purchasing the business which he has since conducted. In 1900 Mr. Ekstrom was married to Alma Johnson from Dalsland, Sweden. They have two daughters, Pearl (Mrs. Allan Lantz); and Eva (Mrs. Leroy Anderson). Mr. Ekstrom is a member of the Scandinavian Fraternity lodge Harold.

C. HENRY BLOOM, pharmacist, ex-mayor, was born in Rockford May 4, 1884. His father, Carl Gustaf Bloom, came to America from Västmanland, Sweden, in 1882 and located at Rockford where he was employed in furniture factories. He died in 1921. Henry's mother, Sophia Bloom, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, passed away in 1922. Henry received his education in the public school and studied pharmacy in a night school. After working in the Victor Lundholm drug store he became manager of the store and finally purchased the business. Mr. Bloom served as alderman for eleven years and was elected mayor of Rockford in April, 1933, serving from 1933 till 1937. In 1935 he sold his drug business. He was the organizer and first president of the Winnebago County Taxpayers' League, and also one of the organizers of the Progressive Party of Rockford. He is a director of the Swedish Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and financial secretary and treasurer of the Hospital Service Association of Rockford. In 1918 Mr. Bloom was married to Helen Winquist of Rockford.

LELAND S. WINQUIST, druggist, was born in Rockford August 15, 1904. His father, Claus L. Winquist, who was born May 26, 1870, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, at 17 years of age. He located at Rockford and was employed by the Rockford Malleable Iron Co., passing away here in 1933. Leland's mother, Sophie Winquist, who was born in Sweden November 29, 1870, died in 1921. Leland was educated in the public school, High School and Hines Pharmacy School in Chicago where he graduated in 1929. After being employed for some time by Victor Lundholm and then by C. H. Bloom he acquired his own drug store at 630 Seventh street which he is now operating under the name of Winquist Drug Store. In 1935 Mr. Winquist was married to Esther Paulson of Rockford. They have a daughter, Mary Ellen, 3 years old.

EVERETT R. BENGTSON, realtor, was born in Rockford August 12, 1895. His father, Claus Bengtson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the later sixties and located in Rockford where he operated a grocery store. He died in 1928. Everett's mother, Olive (Johnson) Bengtson, who was a native of Rockford, died here in 1922. Everett recevied his education in the city schools and was engaged in his father's store until the World War when he entered the U. S. army, serving the colors two years, whereof 13 months abroad. In 1920 he engaged in the real estate business, his office now being located in 305 Reliance Bldg. Mr. Bengtson was married in 1922 to Phoebe Peterson of Rockford. They have two children, Neal, 12, and Susan, 4. Mr. and Mrs. Bengtson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. BOWMAN, County Recorder, was born January 21, 1860, in Skede parish, Småland, Sweden, and came to America with his parents in 1869. They located first in Rockford where four uncles of John had resided since 1867. Going afterwards to Ishpeming, Mich., the elder Bowman obtained work in the copper mines. In 1873 the family moved to South Dakota and located on a farm near Sioux Falls. At the age of 20 young Bowman left the farm and got em-

REV. HAROLD MILFORD CARLSON was born in Chicago, Ill., March 20, 1898. His father, Gust E. Carlson, came to America from near Motala, Östergötland, Sweden, in 1887. He has been engaged in meat business, but is now retired. Harold's mother, Emma (Peterson) Carlson, came from Värmland, Sweden. After finishing the public schools and working for two years Harold went to North Park College where he graduated from both the Academy and the Theological Seminary. During the summer seasons of his student years he served various Mission churches. After graduating from North Park he became pastor of the Swedish Mission Church at Batavia, Ill., in 1920, in the meanwhile continuing his studies at the Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924. He was ordained the same year, and then took up studies at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., in the meanwhile serving the Swedish Congregational Tabernacle, Brooklyn, N. Y. The summer of 1925 was devoted to studies at the Chicago University, Rev. Carlson returning in the fall to Princeton for the second year, receiving the degree of Master of Theology in 1926. That same summer he came to Rockford in answer to a three months' call from the Bethesda Evangelical Covenant Church, the first Covenant Church in America organized and conducted entirely in the English language, the call being later made permanent.

MARTIN O. BENSON, stone cutter, was born on Tjörn, Bohuslän, Sweden, June 25, 1879, and came to America with his parents in 1892. The family located first in Boston, Mass., where both the parents died. Martin grew up in Boston and vicinity, attended night school and learned stone cutting at Cambridge. In 1910 he went to Bedford, Ind., and continued work as a stone cutter. Moving to Rockford in 1930, he purchased from Fred Reed the stone plant at Tenth street and Tenth avenue which he now operates under the name of Benson Cut Stone Co., furnishing all kinds of cut stone for building works. In 1904 Mr. Benson was married to Hannah C. Jönson from Ystad, Skåne, Sweden. They have two sons, Warren, 34, city engineer of Bedford, Ind.; and Howard, 32, associated with his father in business. Mr. Benson is a member of the Vasa lodge Oscar II at Cambridge, Mass.

OSCAR E. RUDELIUS, druggist, was born in Rockford April 2, 1889. His father, Claus Rudelius, came to America from Kalmar, Sweden, about 1880, and located in Rockford where he has been engaged as a carpenter and stair builder. Oscar's mother, Amanda Rudelius, is also a native of Kalmar län, Sweden. Oscar received his education in the public school, the High School and Green's School of Pharmacy at Indianapolis, Ind., where he graduated in 1914. After being employed by other druggists for a few years he joined Harry S. Spongberg in partnership in 1919 and purchased the Tragardh drug business. In 1935 the partnership with Mr. Spongberg was dissolved, Mr. Rudelius retaining the store at 402 Seventh street which he has operated since. In 1919 Mr. Rudelius entered into marriage union with Bernice Doten from Woodstock, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Rudelius are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ployment at Valley Springs, S, D., first for a lumber company and then as clerk in a store. In 1885 he became partner with L. S. Hetland in a store, but five years later sold out to his partner and moved to Rockford where he engaged in shoe business. His father passed away in 1912 and his mother in 1914. In 1912 Mr. Bowman was elected County Recorder, having held the office ever since. He was a member of the School Board of Rockford for 10 years. With his son, Leland, he organized the Commercial National Bank, being vice president of the bank until the institution was combined with the Third National Bank. In 1885 Mr. Bowman was married to Hanna Hetland of Garretson, S. D., their union being blessed with six children, A. Leland, realtor; Irving and John S., deputies in their father's office; Chester A., clerk in the same office; Blanche May, assistant principal in Lincoln Junior High School; and Grace who died in 1935 at 33 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

LELAND A. BOWMAN, realtor, son of John A. Bowman, above, was born at Valley Springs, S. D., December 12, 1886, and came with parents to Rockford in 1890. He obtained his education in the city schools and studied one year at Augustana College. In 1910 he entered the real estate business and is now operating the L. A. Bowman Co., Realtors, at 406 Seventh street. They have been active in the erection of a number of the principal buildings on Seventh street. Mr. Bowman was married in 1922 to Hazel E. Lindstrom of Rockford. They are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

HERMAN N. JOHNSON, paint dealer, was born in Högsby parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, April 2, 1871, and came to America with his parents in 1879, the family locating first at Farnhamville, Ia. In April, 1890, he came to Rockford and was employed by the Scandia Plow Co. seven years and by the Rockford Wholesale Grocery Co. two years. On July 13, 1899, he became a member of the Rockford Fire Department, retiring November 1, 1939, as captain. In November, 1939, he took over the Paint and Glass business of his retired brother, Carl F. Johnson, which he is now conducting at 604 Seventh street. In 1898 Mr. Johnson was married to Olga Frank of Rockford. They have been blessed with four children, Chester L., 41, teacher in the Rockford High School; Cecil G., 38, a minister in the Augustana Synod, located at Pontiac, Mich.; Maye E. (Mrs. Edward Johnson), graduate nurse; and Donald C., 23, employed by the Sundstrand Machine Tool Co. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

GUNNARD L. KALL, shoe dealer, was born in Stenbärga parish, Jönköpings län, Sweden, June 10, 1894, and came to America in 1914. Locating at Rockford, he worked in machine shops 3½ years and in a shoe store three months before the world war. After seven months in the army he came back to the store, and in 1919 purchased a half interest in the A. G. Lindquist Shoe Co. His partner August Hendrickson passed away July 10, 1938. Mr. Kall is now conducting the store at 527 Seventh street. He is a member of the First Lutheran Church.

LAURA I. BJORKLUND, hotel manager, was born in Rockford November 2, 1888. Her father, Charles J. Valentine, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1869 and located in Rockford where he was employed in farm implement factories. He died in 1910. Laura's mother, Anna (Wallin) Valentine, who came from Östergötland, Sweden, died in 1939. Laura obtained her education in the Rockford public school and High School. On June 5, 1912, she entered into wedlock with Jesse Bjorklund, born in Rockford of Swedish parents. He was engaged in Dry Goods business for twenty years and was manager of Hotel Broadway five years previous to his death June 29, 1938. Since his demise Mrs. Laura Bjorklund has been manager of the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorklund were blessed with two children, J. Wallace, who is assisting his mother in the management of the hotel, and L. June, a graduate of Beloit College. Hotel Broadway is located at Broadway and Seventh street and comprices two floors with 47 guest rooms.

JOHN A. KLINGSTEDT, druggist, was born in Oskarsung, Västergötland, Sweden, June 24, 1883, and came to America with his mother in 1893, his father, Frank Klingstedt, having emigrated a year earlier. The family located in Rockford where the elder Klingstedt was active as a watchmaker and jeweler. He died in 1930. John's mother, Augusta Klingstedt, is still living, now 87 years old. After attending the public school John studied pharmacy in Chicago and then worked for Mr. Lundholm and other druggists in Rockford until December, 1915, when he opened his own drug store, which he is now conducting at Seventh street and Broadway. In 1908 Mr. Klingstedt was married to Evelyn Westring of Rockford. They have two daughters, Virginia, a music teacher in the Rockford public schools, and Charlotte, at home.

DR. ALLEN N. OLSON, dentist, was born in Manila, Ia., June 29, 1905. His father, Ole Andrew Olson, came to America from Norway in 1881 and was engaged in general mercantile business at Manila for 25 years, passing away there in 1936. His wife, Ella Olson, who came from Denmark, is still living at Manila. After attending the public school and High School at Manila Allen studied dentistry at Creighton College in Omaha, graduating in 1927. The same year he started practice at Rockford. His office is located at 1029 Broadway. On August 5, 1929, Dr. Olson was married to Ruth Martinsen of Omaha. They have two children, Richard, 6, and Sharon, 4.

LLOYD H. KLING, florist, was born in Rockford November 18, 1900. His father, Hugo Kling, was born in Rockford of Swedish parents and has been engaged in building construction. Lloyd's mother, Ellen Kling, was born in Sweden. After attending the public school and High School Lloyd engaged in contracting business like his father. In 1931 he entered the florist business and opened a flower store and small greenhouse at 1010 Broadway which he is now conducting. In 1925 he joined in wedlock Renata Schuman of Rockford. They have two children, Junior, 14; and Beverly, 8. Mr. Kling is a member of the Lyran Singing Society.

EVAR C. FORSELL, druggist, was born in Rockford March 22, 1889. His father, Gust Forsell, emigrated to America from Skara, Sweden, in 1845. After engaging in farming for some time he was employed as an assembler by the Trahern Pump Co. for many years. He died in 1926. Evar's mother, Augusta Forsell, who was born in Näshult parish, Jönköpings län, Sweden, December 6, 1860, and came to Rockford in June, 1884, is still living. After attending the public school Evar studied pharmacy at the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy in Chicago 1910-11, being employed in drug stores in Chicago during the school period. After graduation he worked in drug stores in Rockford. In 1915 he took a special course at Green's School of Pharmacy in Indianapolis, Ind. During the World War he served in the army 23 months, whereof 10 months overseas. In January, 1926, he established the Rockview Pharmacy at 17th street and Broadway which he is now conducting. Mr. Forsell was married April 27, 1916, to Almira B. Keator from Belvidere, Ill. Their only child, Jane Clarice, passed away in 1933 at 10 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Forsell are members of the Tabor Lutheran Church.

CARL H. SKOGLUND, shoe dealer, was born in Rockford April 1, 1899. His father, Andrew Skoglund, came to Rockford from Värmland, Sweden, in 1888. He was a cabinet maker by trade and passed away here February 27, 1940. Carl's mother, Erika, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, died in 1927. Carl received his education in the public school and High School. For sixteen years he was engaged as salesman and window trimmer by the Peterson Brothers clothing store. Eight years ago he purchased the Home Shoe Company store at 1143 Broadway which he is now operating. In 1927 Mr. Skoglund was married to Alma Anderson of Rockford with whom he has a son, John, 12 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Skoglund are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

OSCAR M. FORSLUND, mason and cement contractor, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, June 5, 1903, and emigrated to America in 1923. Locating first at Boone, Ia., he engaged in coal mining and from there went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he took up cement work, remaining in that city about a year. In 1925 he moved to Rockford and the following year engaged in contracting for himself. Since 1936 he has been in partnership with Sven J. Justuson as general mason and cement contractors. In 1938 Mr. Forslund was married to Dagmar Swanson, born in Rockford of Swedish parents. They have a son, David, nearly two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Forslund are affiliated with the Zion Lutheran Church.

JOHN B. SKOGLUND, restaurateur, was born in Kinnarumma parish, Västergötland, Sweden, November 6, 1882, and came to America in 1907, locating in Rockford. Here he worked in a furnace factory until 1928 when he opened a restaurant at 1508 Broadway under the name of Skoglund's Cafe, which he has conducted since. In 1912 Mr. Skoglund was married to Lydia Nelson from Öland, Sweden. They have a daughter, Viola (Mrs. David Magnuson), Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Skoglund are members of the Good Templar lodge Vega.

ENOCH NICHOLSON, hardware dealer, was born in Västergötland, Sweden, July 11, 1866, and came to America in 1887, locating in Rockford. Here he worked on the railroad, on farms and in factories for three years, whereupon he secured employment with a hardware concern until 1892 when he joined with some others in incorporating the Skandia Hardware Co. After serving for different periods as president and manager of this company he retired in 1936. In February, 1940, Mr. Nicholson purchased the Elmer Carlson Hardware store at 1420 Twentieth street which he is now conducting under the name of Nicholson Hardware. In 1895 Mr. Nicholson was married to Alice L. Stromerts who was born in America of Swedish parentage. They are the parents of eight children, Wilma (Mrs. John Bolander), residing at Sycamore, Ill.; Elsinore (Mrs. Clarence Wollan), office manager at her father's store; Ahlex, manager of the Skandia Hardware Co.; Rozelle (Mrs. Bert Appenzeller); Ellen Linnea (Mrs. Jack Bloom), Los Angeles, Calif.; Melvin S., employed by Skandia Hardware Co.; Verna Lucile (Mrs. Nels Pearson); and Gladys (Mrs. Ralph Larson), Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Nicholson is a member of the Swedenborg Church.

MARVIN A. GUSTAFSON, loans and insurance, was born in Rockford March 21, 1894. His father, Alfred Gustafson, emigrated to America from Sweden in the eighties. He was a cabinet maker and located first at St. Charles, Ill., whence he later moved to Rockford where he was engaged by the Mechanics Furniture Co. Marvin's mother, Amelia Gustafson, came from Nerike, Sweden. Both the parents are now living at Long Lake, Wis. Marvin received his education in the public school and High School. Afterwards he was employed by the Holland Ferguson Abstract Co. five years. During the World War he served with the 260th Aero Squadron 1½ years, spending six months abroad. Afterwards he worked for the Emerson-Brantingham Co. two years and then engaged in real estate business until 1932 when he became connected with the Security First Mortgage Co. of which he is now secretary with office in 207 Security National Bank Building. Mr. Gustafson was married in 1919 to Nettie S. Campbell of Rockford.

HARRY G. MOLANDER, garage owner, was born in Rockford October 16, 1895. His father, John Molander, emigrated to America from Västergötland, Sweden, about 1890 and located at Rockford where he engaged in farming and factory work. He died in 1937. Harry's mother, Selma Molander, who came from Skåne, Sweden, is still living. Harry received his education in the public school and Brown's Business College. During the World War he served in the army two years whereof 14 months overseas. After being employed in the Barber Colman factory about five years he in 1825, in association with Evert Holmbeck, opened the Central Garage at 716 Market street, which they are now operating under the name of Central Garage & Auto Service, Inc., doing general repair work and supplying parts. In 1929 Mr. Molander was married to Violet Broquist of Rockford. They have two children, Marilyn, 9; and Dale, 5. Mr. and Mrs. Molander are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

RENARD A. ANDERSON, executive, was born in Rockford Feb. 10, 1897. His father, John Adolph Anderson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the later eighties. He was a wood carver and worked at his trade here, passing away in 1932. Renard's mother, Anna (Lindgren) Anderson, who came from Malmo, Sweden, is still living. Renard received his education in the public school, High School and Business College and took up the line of accounting. During two years he was employed in the auditor's department of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha, Nebr. On February 1, 1939, he and some other industrialists incorporated The Rockford Industries, Inc., with Mr. Anderson as secretary and treasurer. They furnish and install Industrial Supplies and Equipment. Their office and shops are located at 1509-19 Railroad avenue. In 1923 Mr. Anderson entered into marriage union with Florence Wolf of Rockford. They have a son, Harris R., 15 years old. The Andersons are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

ROY J. G. JOHNSON, auto service, was born in Rockford May 9, 1892. His father, Erland Johnson, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, about 50 years ago and located at Rockford where he was employed in factories and on farms. He died in 1939. Roy's mother, Mathilda Johnson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, passed away in 1931. After attending public school and High School Roy worked as a tool maker until 1923 when he opened Roy's Auto Service at 1244 Broadway, dealing in Auto Accessories and conducting a repair shop. Mr. Johnson has been a member of the Board of Education for four years and is now one of the directors of the Municipal Sanatorium. He entered into wedlock in 1913 with Hazel Johnson of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Marjorie, secretary of Roy's Auto Sevice. The Johnsons are members of the Calvary Lutheran Church and of the Viking lodge Baltic.

J. ALBERT JOHNSON, electric appliance dealer, was born in Rockford November 6, 1902. His father, John R. Stromquist, came to America from Småland, Sweden. His mother's name was Sophia Stromquist. Both parents dying early, Albert was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson, residing at Belvidere, Ill., where he grew up and attended the rural schools. In 1925 he came to Rockford and was employed by E. L. McKenzie Delco Light Plant from 1926 to 1928. In 1928 Mr. Johnson purchased the business and expanded into other branches. His store is located at 2nd ave. and 7th street. In 1926 Mr. Johnson was married to Mildred Johnson of Belvidere with whom he has a son, Raynard, 12 years old.

SWAN A. K. PETERSON, paint dealer, was born in Blidsberg parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, January 12, 1890, and came to America in 1907, locating in Rockford. Having learned the painter's trade in Sweden, he engaged in painting until 1915, when he opened paint stores in Rockford, Freeport and Beloit. His Rockford store is located at 409 Seventh street. In 1914 Mr. Peterson was married to Adena Lundstrom of Rockford. They are blessed with three girls, Doris, employed in her father's store; Helen and Harriet, twins, 17 years old.

ANDREW J. ANDERSON, industrialist, was born in Rockford June 7, 1862. His father, Jonas R. Anderson, one of the Rockford pioneers, emigrated to America from Kronobergs län, Sweden, in 1854 and located at Rockford. When the Central Furniture Co. was organized in 1875 he was one of the organizers. He died in 1916. Andrew's mother, Helen (Stockenberg) Anderson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, died in 1908. After working for his father three years, Andrew was employed in wire works three years and in the Rockford Watch factory four years, 1877-81. After being secretary of the Excelsior Furniture Co. for eight years he retired from that position in 1890 and was secretary and treasurer of the Union Overall Co. for 32 years. He was associated with P. A. Peterson in laying out the South Park Subdivision, a 40 acre tract in the south part of the city. Being a stockholder in the Forest City Bit & Tool Co., he has been president of that concern for the last eight years. Mr. Anderson has served as alderman for eight years and as state senator for four years. He was married in 1898 to Hilma Johnson who passed away in 1908, leaving a son, Howard, an accountant. In 1916 Mr. Anderson was married the second time to Cora J. Johnson. They are members of the Emmanuel Church and reside at 942 Kishwaukee street.

FRANK J. LYNN, executive, was born in Chicago February 12, 1891. Both his father and mother were born in Illinois of Irish parents. Frank was educated in Chicago city schools, the St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., and the Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. Coming to Rockford in 1923, he engaged in retail mercantile business until 1929 and in Social Service work from 1929 till 1938, being active head of the Emerson House Settlement in Chicago. In 1938 he became secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Bit and Tool Co. at Rockford, a concern organized in 1890 and engaged in manufacturing of Wood Working Machine Bits and Hollow Mortising Tools. They are located at 1206 Kishwaukee street and employ about 30 people. Mr. Lynn was married in 1923 to May C.. Johnson of Swedish parentage. They are blessed with two daughters, Mary Katherine and Patricia.

JOHN F. WESTER, manufacturer, was born in Motala, Östergötland, Sweden, November 16, 1871, and came to America in 1891, locating in Rockford. After engaging in drug business for 24 years he erected the Rockford Peerless Furniture Co. factory in 1917, engaging in the manufacture of piano lamps and shades. Later he turned into the manufacture of furniture. The plant is located at 1936 Eleventh street. Mr. Wester is the proprietor and general manager of the business. In 1894 Mr. Wester joined in wedlock Jennie Adler of Rockford. They have five daughters, Elvira (Mrs. Willis Olander), residing at Glassboro, N. J.; Eleanore (Mrs. Sidney Henrickson), Mr. Henrickson being office manager of the Peerless Furniture Co.; Evelyn (Mrs. Forest Erickson), Princeton, Ill.; Elsie (Mrs. Russell Erickson), Princeton, Ill.; and Elizabeth (Mrs. Ralph Anderson). Mr. and Mrs. Wester are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church.

SWAN F. ANDERSON, manufacturer, was born in Dorretorp, Västergötland, Sweden, January 2, 1879, and came to America with parents in 1887. They located in Rockford where Swan's father, L. John Anderson, worked at the carpenter's trade and then with his sons for 15 years. He died in 1930. His wife, Anna J. Anderson, is still living. After attending the public school, Swan learned the machinist's trade. In 1915 he and his two brothers, H. E. and A. L. Anderson, started the Anderson Brothers Manufacturing Co. with shop located at 1907 Kishwaukee street, manufacturing Packaging Machines and Machine Tools and employing about 50 people. Swan F. Anderson is president of the company and Ralph F. Anderson, secretary and treasurer. In 1906 Swan F. Anderson was married to Edith N. Forsberg from Ljungbyhed, Sweden. They have two children, Vera (Mrs. M. M. Spencer); and Ralph, secretary-treasurer of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ARVID H. BOGREN, sheet metal worker, was born in Rockford February 4, 1887. His father, Frank Bogren, came to America from Falköping, Västergötland, Sweden, about 1880. He was a cabinet maker, and is still living, now 83 years old. Arvid's mother, Anna Bogren, who came from Jönköping, Småland, Sweden, has now reached the age of 84. After attending the public school Arvid engaged in factory work and cabinet making until he took up sheet metal work about 30 years ago. In 1919 he started in busines for himself with M. Stoll as partner. Mr. Stoll died in 1932. Since then Mr. Bogren has been sole owner of the General Industrial Sheet Metal Works at 721 Kishwaukee street. Mr. Bogren is a member of the First Lutheran Church and the Lyran Singing Society.

JOSIAH N. PETERSON, dealer in Wall Paper and Paints, was born in Södra Ving parish, Västergötland, Sweden, November 17, 1887, and came to America in October, 1905. Locating in Rockford, he worked in factories until 1924 when he joined K. H. Norberg in establishing a Paint and Wall Paper store at 1021 Broadway, also engaging in painting and decorating. The partnership was dissolved in October, 1939, Mr. Peterson now being sole owner of the business. In 1911 Mr. Peterson joined in wedlock Effie Norberg of Rockford. They have one child, Aubrey, employed by Elco Tool & Screw Corporation. Mr. Peterson is assistant supervisor of Rockford Township. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Mr. Peterson being a member of the Church Board.

ERIC B. JOHNSON, dairy owner, was born in Tegneby, Bohuslän, Sweden, June 29, 1898, and emigrated to America in 1916, locating in Rockford. After being employed three years in a factory he was employed by dairies until 1924 when he organized the Central Dairy Co., Mr. Johnson being president of the company and Paul Johnson secretary and treasurer. Their office and plant are located at 809 First avenue. They handle all kinds of dairy products, employing 16 trucks in delivering. Eric Johnson was married in 1926 to Ruby Johnson of Rockford. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church and the Good Templar lodge Vega.

S. P. EKSTROM, manufacturer, was born in Od parish, Västergötland, Sweden, January 27, 1882, and came to America with his parents in 1889. His father, Samuel Ekstrom, worked in furniture factories and passed away in 1914. His mother, Emilia Ekstrom, died in 1926. Young Ekstrom obtained his education in the public school, evening and correspondence schools, and worked in factories for a while. In 1904 he associated himself with C. Ekstrom and A. W. Redin in a copartnership which was incorporated in 1920 as Redin, Ekstrom & Co. In 1928 the present company was organized as Ekstrom, Carlson & Co. with S. P. Ekstrom as president and sales manager, and George H. Carlson as vice president and engineer. Office and factory are located at 1439 Railroad avenue. They manufacture standard lines of woodworking machinery, special automatic productive machines, tools, dies and fixtures. Mr. Ekstrom was married in 1906 to Grace E. Peterson of Rockford. They have four children, John, a presbyterian minister at Maywood, Ill.; Carroll and Carolyn, twins, the former engaged in the office of the company, and the latter married to R. J. Varble at Elgin, Ill.; and Grace Emily. Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom are members of the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

GUST WILLIAM LUNDIN, mason contractor, was born in Bäckseda parish, Jönköpings län, Sweden, July 25, 1876, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1900, he located in Rockford and worked here for other contractors until 1916 when he started contracting for himself. In 1904 Mr. Lundin was married to Mathilda Peterson from Fröderyd parish, Småland. They have four children, Elsie (Mrs. David P. Johnson); Willard, associated with his father in mason work; Leonard, attorney; and Frances (Mrs. Floyd Ohlson) residing at De Kalb, Ill., where Mr. Ohlson is a teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lundin are affiliated with the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

CARL B. STENBERG, upholsterer, was born in Skepphult parish, Västergötland, Sweden, August 14, 1891, and came to America in 1911. Locating in Rockford, he worked in furniture factories until 1914 when he obtained employment with the Old Colony Upholstering Co. In 1920 he opened his own shop under the name of Broadway Upholstery shop, now located at 904 Broadway. Mr. Stenberg was married in 1918 to Amy Gustafson from Öland, Sweden. They have a son, Harold, 21 years of age. Mr. Stenberg is a member of the Svithiod John Ericsson lodge and of the Independent Order Norden.

CONRAD LAGERMAN, shoemaker, was born in Högsby, Småland, Sweden, November 15, 1875, and learned his trade from his father. Emigrating to America in 1900, he located in Rockford and worked in the shops and on farms in Winnebago county for 18 yars. Five years ago he opened his own shoe shop which he is now operating at 1414 Seventeenth street. On July 8, 1903, Mr. Lagerman was married to Hilma Peterson from Småland, Sweden. They have three children, Edla (Mrs. K. Clark); Thelma (Mrs. Howard Beckstrom); and Eric, employed by the Rockford Machine & Tool Co. Mr. Lagerman is a member of Svea Sick and Funeral Benefit Society.

KENNETH E. ANDERSON, sheet metal worker, was born in Rockford May 28, 1892. His father, Carl A. Anderson, emigrated from Småland, Sweden, to America in 1885 and located in Rockford where he was employed in a furniture factory. He died in 1935. His wife, Emma Anderson, who came from the same place in Sweden, passed away in 1930. After attending the public school Kenneth worked in a factory for three years and then took up sheet metal work. Since 1919 he has operated his own shop at 1412 Seventh street under the name of General Sheet Metal Works. During the World War Mr. Anderson was in the army nine months. He was married in 1918 to Mary Abrahamson of Rockford. They have four children, Miles, employed in Sheet's Silver Plate factory; Hazel (Mrs. D. Nelson); George, assisting his father; and Pearl, stenographer at the Lincoln Junior High School.

ARTHUR LANDGREN, contractor, was born in Duluth, Minn., January 1, 1897. His father, Nels A. Landgren, came to America from Norrland, Sweden, in the later eighties and located in Minnesota where he engaged in lumber work. He is still living at Duluth. Arthur's mother, Emma (Kjellgren) Landgren, died in 1900. Arthur received his education in the public school and High School whereupon he was employed as railroad rate clerk until 1925 when he moved to Rockford. In 1926 he went with the Holm-Page Co., being now secretary and treasurer of that firm. Mr. Landgren was married in 1918 to Bertha A. Carlson of Rockford. They are blessed with three children, Shirley, a graduate of the Rockford High School; Beverly and John D., students in the High School.

ROLAND D. CARLSON, contractor, was born in Rockford June 29, 1891. His father, David Carlson, emigrated to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the seventies and located in Rockford where he was engaged as a building contractor. He died in 1927. Roland's mother, Mary E. Carlson, also a native of Sweden, died in 1910. Roland received his education in the public school and High School and then worked with his father. From 1919 till 1923 he served as Rockford's first building inspector. In 1923 he came with the Holm-Page Co. and is now vice president of that concern. They make a specialty of industrial and commercial construction. In 1912 Mr. Carlson was married to Laura Shetler of Rockford, with whom he has a daughter, Lois V.

JOHN T. PETERSON, optometrist, was born at Rockford Aug. 22, 1905. His father, John Peterson, emigrated to America from Hjo, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, in 1882, and located at Rockford where he was employed in furniture factories. He died February 23, 1940. His wife, Emma Peterson, who was from the same place in Sweden, passed away in 1920. John T. attended the Rockford city schools and then took courses at the Bradley Polytechnic College of Peoria, Ill., and the Missouri College of Optometry at St. Louis, Mo. In 1927 he opened practice at Rockford, his office now being located at 1139 Broadway. Dr. Peterson was married in 1928 to Malvina Johnson of Rockford with whom he has two children, Pauline and Clarence. Dr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

FRITZ A. FORSBERG, executive, was born in Rockford November 15, 1886. His father, Chas. A. Forsberg, came to America from Lund, Sweden, in 1876 and located in Rockford where he worked at other shops until 1883 when he opened his own machine shop. He died in 1924. Fritz' mother, Emma Forgsberg, who came from Nerike, Sweden, is still living. Fritz received his education in the public school and then worked with his father. In 1913 he started the Reliable Machine Co., located at Tenth street and Tenth avenue, making tools and dies. His father joined him shortly after, and his brother, Gust E. Forsberg, a year later. They now employ about fifteen people. In 1916 Fritz Forsberg was married to Hulda Peterson of Chicago. They have been blessed with two daughters, Thelma (Mrs. H. Oij), who died in 1929; and Julia (Mrs. S. Skorborg) who passed away in January, 1938.

ERNEST F. ANDERSON, feed merchant, was born in Rockford May 26, 1899. His father, Charley F. Anderson, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, in 1892 and located at Rockford. From 1904 he worked in furniture factories until 1917 when he opened a feed store which he conducted after that. He died in 1938. Ernest's mother, Augusta Anderson, who came from Jönköping, Småland, died in 1935. Ernest attended public school and a business college and was associated with his father in the store. He is now associated with his brother, Albert E., in the business. They handle feed, seed, fertilizer, and farm machinery, doing business under the name of Charley F. Anderson at 719 Seventh street. Ernest Anderson was married in 1923 to Hazel Angren of Rockford.—Albert E. Anderson was born September 3, 1909, and after obtaining his education in the city schools joined his father in business.

WALLACE W. PARSON, realtor, was born in Rockford March 15, 1897. His father, John G. Parson, came to Rockford from Sweden in 1875 and was employed in the furniture industry, being superintendent of the Union Furniture Co. 45 years. Wallace's mother, Ida Parson, is also a native of Sweden. Both parents are still living. After finishing the public school and High School Wallace was employed by the Winnebago National Bank three years. In 1920 he went with the late Charles E. Jackson, continuing with him 9½ years till his death. In 1930 Mr. Parson opened his own real estate and insurance office at 307 East State street which he is still conducting. He was married in 1924 to Amy Doebler of Rockford. They have two children, John Peter, 10; and Natalie Ann, 2. Mr. and Mrs. Parson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

WILLARD U. LINDQUIST, ex-minister, paint dealer, was born in Skutskär, Upsala län, Sweden, July 15, 1898, and came to America and Rockford in 1916. In 1918 he took a course at the Moody Bible Institute and the Swedish Free Church Seminary, afterwards serving as pastor of the Swedish Free Church from 1920 to 1939. In 1939 he moved to Rockford and entered paint business in association with his brother Sven Lindquist and Paul Holaine. Their store is located at 516 Seventh street. Willard Lindquist was married in 1924 to Ruth Hill of Evanston, Ill., with whom he has a daughter, Ruth Ellen.

GUSTAV HERBERT ANGSTROM, chiropractor, was born in Chicago April 16, 1888. His father, Anders Gustaf Angstrom, came to America from Värmland, Sweden, in the later seventies and located in Chicago where he was employed at common labor. He died in 1934. Gustav's mother, Christine Angstrom, who came from Kristinehamn, Värmland, died in 1928. The family moved to Ludington, Mich., in 1892. Gustav attended the rural schools and was confirmed in the Swedish Free Church at Ludington. Afterwards he studied chiropractic at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, and the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago. In 1912 he started practice in Michigan and later practised in Ontario, Can., and Janesville, Wis. He came to Rockford in 1925 and opened practice here in 1926, his office now being located in 305 Swedish American Bank Bldg. Dr. Angstrom was married in 1925 to Lottie Leonora Swan of Rockford. They are affiliated with the Trinity Lutheran Church.

EDWARD R. PETERSON, designer, was born in Rockford April 28, 1904. His father, August B. Peterson, was born in Minnesota of Swedish parents and was active as a plastering contractor. He died in 1928. Edward's mother, Emily Peterson, who was born in England, is still living in Rockford. Edward obtained his education in the city schools. After being employed by the Bliss Design Co. ten years he went to the Pacific Coast where he worked for the Schumann Granite Works in Portland, Ore., for two years. Returning to Rockford, he opened his own business here in August, 1933, at 204 Commercial Bldg. under the name of Peterson Memorial Design Service. In 1935 Mr. Peterson was married to Frances Campion of Kansas City, Mo.

CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, electric appliances, was born in Pecatonica, Ill., October 11, 1895. His father, Conrad Anderson, came to America from Östergötland, Sweden, in the later eighties. He has been engaged in farming, but is now retired and still resides at Pecatonica, Clarence's mother, Augusta Anderson, is also a native of Östergötland, Sweden. Clarence attended the rural schools and remained on the farm until 1922. He then worked at the building trade until 1928 when he opened a store at 415 Seventh street, dealing in electric appliances. In 1922 Mr. Anderson was married to Signe Johnson of Rockford. They have three children, Mauritz, Marian and Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church.

IVAR CARLSTEDT, jeweler, was born at Vetlanda, Småland, Sweden, November 11, 1900, and came to America the following year with parents, the family locating in Rockford. Ivar's father, John Martin Carlstedt, is a silversmith and has been employed by the Sheets Silver Co. His mother's name is Charlotte Carlstedt. Both his parents are still living in Rockford. Ivar attended the city schools and then learned the watchmaker's trade. In 1924 he established his own jewelry business, being located at 323 Seventh street. He was married in 1923 to Eleanor Stunkle of Rockford, with whom he has two daughters, Joan, 14, and Rosemary, 12. Mr. and Mrs. Carlstedt are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

BERGER D. HOGFELDT was born in Rockford December 7, 1895. His father, John Hogfeldt, came to America from Dalsland, Sweden. He located at Rockford and was engaged as engineer at the Rockford Standard Furniture Co. since its organization. He died in 1937. Berger's mother, Lina Hogfeldt, who came from Skaraborgs län, Sweden, died in 1915. After attending the public school and High School Berger was employed in the Swedish American Bank. During the World War he served in the army 20 months, whereof nine months overseas. From 1920 till 1932 he was employed by the Commercial National Bank and went with the Commercial Mortgage and Finance Co., an affiliate of the bank, becoming independent in 1932. In 1934 the building was purchased by the Commercial Mortgage and Finance Co., which since September 13, 1939, has been located in the former quarters of the bank at 115 Seventh street. Mr. Hogfeldt is now secretary and treasurer of the Company. In 1932 Mr. Hogfeldt was married to Myrtle Nelson of Rockford. They have two sons, John Robert, 14; and James Stanton, 9. Mr. and Mrs. Hogfeldt are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

J. AUGUST STERNER, building contractor, was born in Östra Herrestads parish, Skåne, Sweden, October 26, 1880, and emigrated to America in 1901, coming directly to Rockford. Having learned the mason's trade from his father, he worked here for other contractors until 1919 when he established a partnership with Mauritz Hokanson and John Sterner. After four years the partnership was dissolved and August Sterner has since operated for himself. His home and office are located at 2026 Third avenue. In 1902 Mr. Sterner was married to Johanna M. Anderson from Järrestad, Skåne. They have been blessed with five children, whereof two pairs of twins, Alfrida and Mauritz (city fireman); Elvy (Mrs. Carl Lofstedt); Ralph who died in 1928 at 22 years of age, and Arnold, office manager for the Rock River Electric Co. Mr. and Mrs. Sterner are members of the Good Templar lodge Rockford.

GUSTAF ARTHUR HERLIN, contractor, was born in Östra Herrestad parish, Kristianstads län, Sweden, May 3, 1876, and came to America in 1892, locating at Rockford. Having learned the mason's trade from his father, he worked here for other contractors until 1910 when he started contracting for himself. He was married in 1906 to Christine Silver from Hönsinge, Skåne, Sweden They have been blessed with six children, Harry, 32, bookkeeper for the Northern Illinois Utility Co. at Freeport, Ill.; Stanley, 30, proprietor of a knitting mill at Ripon, Wis.; Nina (Mrs. Dr. L. C. Brooks), Freeport, Ill.; Ellen, public school teacher in Rockford; Barbara, a student at the University of Illinois; and Marjory, senior in the Rockford High School. Mr. and Mrs. Herlin reside at 1520 East State street.

WALLACE L. KRANS, building specialties, was born at Belvidere, Ill., March 12, 1900. His father, Charles Krans, came to America from Östergötland, Sweden, in 1884 and located in Illinois where he engaged in farming. In 1920 he moved to Rockford and in 1926 entered building specialties business in this city. He died in 1936. Wallace's mother, Esther Krans, who was born in Rockford

of Swedish parents, is still living. After attending the public school Wallace was employed in ice cream business 4½ years and then went with his father in 1928. Since his father's death he has continued the business under the name of Chas. Krans & Son at 915 East State street. In 1929 Mr. Krans was married to Marguerite V. Lundstrom of Rockford. They have a son, David, 9 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Krans are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

DR. CLIFFORD W. FREDBERG was born in Belvidere, Ill., September 20, 1899. His father, Eric J. Fredberg, came to America from Värmland, Sweden, in the later eighties and located in Ottumwa, Ia., whence he later moved to Belvidere where he engaged in farming. Clifford's mother, Augusta (Anderson) Fredberg, came also from Värmland. Both the parents are now living in Rockford. Clifford received his education in the public schools of Belvidere, the Rockford High School and Augustana College, graduating from the latter in 1925. Afterwards he studied medicine at the Rush College in Chicago, receiving his M. D. degree in 1930 and started practice at Rockford in connection with the Municipal Sanitarium. After doing some post graduate work at St. Louis and Chicago he opened private practice in Rockford in 1939, his office being located in 505 Swedish American Bank Bldg. Dr. Fredberg was married in 1929 to Helen Lilliedahl of Essex, Ia. They are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ANDREW G. OGREN, violin repairer, was born in Västergötland, Sweden, June 9, 1877, coming to America with his parents the same year. The family located in Rockford where Andrew's father, Andrew Ogren, senior, a cabinet maker, worked in the furniture factories. He died in 1933, his wife, Anna Charlotta Ogren, having preceded him in death three months. After attending the public school Andrew worked in furniture and piano factories until 1909 when he opened the Ogren Music House which he conducted for 30 years. He is now engaged in violin repairing under the name of A. G. Ogren at 421 East State street, second floor. Mr. Ogren was married in Boston in 1901 to Jennie Johnson of Rockford. They have two adopted children, Janet (Mrs. Reuben Olson); and Hilmer Ogren, employed in a factory. Mr. and Mrs. Ogren are members of the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

CARL MALCOLM BOLLING, printer, was born in Forshem parish, Västergötland, Sweden, March 28, 1868, and learned the printer's trade at Mariestad, Sweden. In 1890 he emigrated to America and came the following year to Rockford where he was employed by the Rockford Publishing & Printing Co. from 1891 to 1907. In 1907 he associated himself with C. F. Carlson, establishing the Carlson-Bolling Printing Co., now located at 1020-22 Fourth avenue. Upon the death of Mr. Carlson in 1933 Mr. Bolling became sole owner of the shop. In 1898 Mr. Bolling was married to Anna Helfrida Carlson from Halland, Sweden. They have three children, Harry Malcolm, associated with his father in business; Thyra Helfrida (Mrs. Reuben Lindstedt); and Carl Nelson, mechanical engineer. Mr. Bolling is a life member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

JOHN BERGSTROM, florist, was born in Söderhamn, Sweden, September 29, 1883. In his native land he worked as a florist apprentice on Count Magnus Brahe's estate Rydboholm for six months and then studied floriculture 2½ years at the Haga school near Stockholm. Emigrating to America in 1903, he located first at Kewanee, Ill., and afterwards spent some time in Minnesota. In 1910 he became superintendent of the S. W. Buckbee, Inc., at Rockford, continuing in that position for fifteen years. After being in charge of the Golden Rule greenhouse at Oregon, Ill., for three years he purchased the Highland Floral Co. in Rockford in 1935, which he is now operating at 718 Eighteenth street in association with his son, John Harold Bergstrom. In 1906 John Bergstrom was married in St. Paul to Josephine Gustafson who passed away in 1920, leaving six children, Violet, a public school teacher, now assistant supervisor of the Rockford Children's Home; John Harold, associated with his father in business; Edward, employed by the Burd Piston Ring Co.; Linnea, a school teacher at Kewanee, Ill.; Eva, employed by the Greenlee Brothers Co.; and Carl, employed by the National Lock Co. In 1924 Mr. Bergstrom was married the second time to Marie Magnuson with whom he has a daughter, Mary Jane.

JOHN HAROLD BERGSTROM, florist, son of John Bergstrom, above, received his education in the city schools and then joined his father in business. He was married in 1936 to Julia Tobias of Beloit Wis., their union being blessed with a daughter, Susanne. Mr. Bergstrom is a member of the Svithiod lodge Corona.

ARTHUR E. GUSTAFSON, printer, was born in Rockford January 22, 1894. His father, Carl A. Gustafson, who was a tailor, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, and died here in 1916. Arthur's mother, Hulda M. Gustafson, who came from Västergötland, Sweden, is still living. After attending the public school and High School Arthur learned the printing trade and worked in printing shops until 1926 hen he came with the Unique Press of which he is now vice president and manager. They engage in commercial printing, their shop being located at 525 West Jefferson street. During the World War Mr. Gustafson served in the army 17 months. In 1919 he entered into marriage union with Leta Hazard of Rockford. They have two children, Phoebe, employed by the Unique Press, and Beryl, attending High School. Mr. Gustafson is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

EVERETTE A. BERG, printer, was born in Rockford, August 26, 1903. His father, August Berg, came to Rockford from Östergötland, Sweden, in the early eighties, and was employed by the Rockford Watch Factory. Everette's mother, Anna Berg, came from the same place in Sweden as her husband. Both his parents are still living. Everette received his education in the public school and High School and then took up printing. After working for other shops until 1931 he opened his own shop at 1004 Fourth avenue under the name of Berg Printing Co., where he is engaged in general commercial printing. In 1924 Mr. Berg was married to Estelle Boyd of Rockford. They have a daughter, Rae Ellen, 7 years old.

BERT E. YOUNGQUIST, lumber and fuel dealer, was born in Chicago March 12, 1908. His father, Carl O. Youngquist, emigrated to America from Sweden in 1893. A tailor by trade, he operated a tailoring establishment in Chicago where he still resides with his wife, Emma Youngquist, also a native of Sweden. After attending the city schools, Bert took a course at the North Park College in Chicago, graduting in 1929, and continued his studies at the University of Illinois, from which institution he graduated in 1931. Afterwards he taught at Statesville, N. C., two years and at North Park four years. In 1937 he came to Rockford to become president of the Highland Lumber & Fuel Co. with office at Eighteenth and Charles streets. Mr. Youngquist was married in 1935 to Mildred V. Holmberg of Rockford. They have three children, Anne Christine, Charles Thomas and Lance Barton. Mr. and Mrs. Youngquist are members of the Bethesda Evangelical Covenant Church.

DAVID NYBERG, lumber dealer, was born in Örslösa parish, Västergötland, Sweden, July 2, 1892, and came to America in 1910, locating at Rockford. After working in factories for eight months he was engaged in coal yards until 1917 when he became connected with the Highland Lumber & Fuel Co. of which he is now treasurer with office at 18th and Charles streets. Mr. Nyberg was married in 1916 to Emma Klint from Hjo, Västergötland, Sweden, with whom he has a son, George, 11 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Nyberg are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

RALPH A. OLSON, plastering contractor, was born in Rockford October 27, 1893. His father, Alfred Olson, came to America from Öland, Sweden. He was a plasterer by trade and was a member of the contracting firm Kjellstrom & Olson for 37 years. He died in 1923. His wife, Elsie Elizabeth Olson, also a native of Öland, Sweden, passed away in 1914. Ralph received his education in the public schools and then started work with Mr. Kjellstrom till the latter retired in 1928. Since then Mr. Olson has operated alone. During the World War he served in the army nine months. In 1917 he entered into marriage union with Muriel Kreger from Davis Junction, Ill. They have three children, Ralph A., Jr., 20, employed by the Rockford Drilling Machine Co.; Raymond, 16, student in High School; and Marilyn, attending Junior High School. Mr. Olson is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lyran Singing Society and The American Legion. The family residence is located at 1121 Second ave.

OSCAR T. OLSON, florist, was born in Gärdslösa parish, Öland, Sweden, February 24, 1886, and came to America in April, 1901, locating in Rockford. After working in factories for a number of years he established a florist business August 15, 1922, located at 310 Tenth street. His home address is 1401 Charles street. In 1907 Mr. Olson was married to Hilma S. Lindgren from Falköping, Västergötland, Sweden. They have two sons, Lawrence M., 32, landscape engineer for the State Highway Department, residing at Dixon, Ill.; and Delphin M., 30, associated with his father in the florist business. Mr. Olson is a member of the Svea Söner, Lyran, the Vikings and Scandinavian Brotherhood.

AXEL F. REHNBERG, executive, was born in Lerbäcks parish, Nerike, Sweden, September 9, 1883, and grew up at Kumla, Nerike. In 1902 he emigrated to America, coming direct to Rockford. Having taken up the machinist's trade in Sweden, he continued that line here, taking a course in mechanical engineering with the International Correspondence School. From 1908 till 1911 he was employed by the Redin, Ekstrom & Co. as a designer and then with the Thayer Action Co. till 1929 as master meechanic, designer and superintendent. In 1929 he associated himself with Gust Jacobson, organizing the Rehnberg-Jacobson Manufacturing Co., located at 2135 Kishwaukee street. They design and build special machinery, employing about 65 people. Mr. Rehnberg was married in 1907 to Mary Person from Billingsfors, Dalsland, Sweden, who passed away in 1928, leaving two daughters, Lotta (Mrs. H. Ecklund); and Olga (Mrs. S. Nelson). In 1936 Mr. Rehnberg was married the second time to Aneita Upton from Des Moines, Ia., this union being blessed with a son, Axel Upton, born in 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Rehnberg are members of the Good Templar lodge Rockford.

GEORGE W. HALLBERG, manufacturer, was born in Rockford December 3, 1894. His father, Casper Hallberg, came to America from Ulricehamn, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1899 and located in Rockford, where he engaged in furniture and piano work. In 1922 he started the Rockford Eagle Furniture Co. of which he is still superintendent. George's mother, Mathilda Augusta Hallberg, came from Falköping, Västergötland, Sweden. After attending the public school and High School George took up accounting. Upon the organization of the Eagle Furniture Co. he became secretary and treasurer of that concern. They manufacture Sewing Cabinets and employ about 30 people, their factory being located at 1066 North Second street. In 1925 Mr. Hallberg was married to Iva Kellstrom of Kirkland, Ill. They have two daughters, Kathryn and Marjorie. Mr. and Mrs. Hallberg are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

AXEL H. WIBERG, manufacturer, was born in Krackenbo, Gotland, Sweden, January 19, 1891, and emigrated to America in 1911. After a short stay in Michigan where he worked in a tailor shop he came to Rockford in 1913 and was engaged in furniture factories here until 1932, when he became president of the Atlas Furniture Co., organized that year. They manufacture Book Cases, Dining Room Chairs, Beauty Parlor Furniture, Beds, etc., their factory being located at 801 North Madison street. In 1916 Mr. Wiberg joined in wedlock Agnes Carlson of Rockford. They are affiliated with the Mission Tabernacle Church.

ERIC FREDIN, baker, was born in Trelleborg, Skåne, Sweden, October 21, 1904. After working in a bakery a year he emigrated to America in 1922 and located at Rockford. Here he worked in bakeries until 1934, when he opened the Fredin Bakery at 2017 Broadway. He was married in 1934 to Dorothy Hart of Rockford, their union being blessed with a daughter, Carolyn. In 1939 Mr. Fredin made a trip to Sweden to visit his mother near Trelleborg at the celebration of her 70th birthday.

EDWIN J. BILLSTROM, manufacturer, was born in Rockford September 25, 1896. His father, Nels J. Billstrom, came to America from Malmö, Sweden, in 1880. After a short stay in Rockford he went to Minnesota, but returned three years later to Rockford. A machinist from Sweden, he worked for other firms until 1904, when he started his own shop. In 1909 he moved into his own building at Ninth street and 19th avenue, which he sold later and removed to another more suitable shop building at 1846 18th avenue, also owned by him. The output consists mainly of glue clamp carriers, feeders for joiners, dies and tools. Nels Billstrom was the inventor of Barb wire machines, Glue clamp carriers and Feeders for joiners. He died September 10, 1939, at the ripe old age of 82 years. His widow, Anna M. Billstrom, also from Malmö, Sweden, is still living, now 84 years old. Edwin received his education in the public school, the Rockford School of Engineering and the Draugh & Porter Business College. He is now secretary and treasurer of the firm which in 1932 was incorporated under the name of Nels J. Billstrom, Inc. He was married in 1917 to Helen L. Johnson of Rockford. They have two children, Mary Jane, 16, and John Edwin, 4. Mr. and Mrs. Billstrom are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ERIC ANDERSON, manufacturer, was born in Börstig parish, Västergötland, Sweden, May 18, 1893, and came to America in October, 1913, going direct to Rockford. After working at the machinist's trade for four years he went with the Rockford Drop Forge Co. and continued with them for twelve years. In 1929 he associated himself with two other machinists from the same company and a third one from the Sundstrand Co. in organizing the Rockford Forging Die & Tool Co., located at 1846 18th avenue. Mr. Anderson is now president of the company and Eskil Johnson secretary and treasurer. They manufacture mostly Drop Forging Dies, employing about 25 men. On April 12, 1919, Mr. Anderson was married to Martha Peterson from the same place in Sweden. They have a daughter, Janet, stenographer in her father's office. Mr. Anderson has been a member of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson for 25 years, having been chairman of the lodge four years.

JOHN R. ANDERSON, executive, was born in Rockford June 17, 1879. His father, Alfred Anderson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1868. After being employed by the C. B. & Q. railroad in the vicinity of Rockford he worked in factories as a cabinet maker, passing away here in 1924. John's mother, Ella Anderson, who was born in Rockford of Swedish parents, died in 1928. After attending the public schools John studied two years at Augustana College, taking a commercial course. In 1902 he went with the National Mirror Works of which he is now secretary and treasurer. The factory is located at 1925 Kishwaukee street, some 45 or 50 people being employed. Mr. Anderson entered into wedlock in 1906 with Hulda C. Swenson of Rockford. They have two children, John Edward, assistant in his father's office; and Janet R. (Mrs. R. C. Hamilton). Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

DR. CARL M. RANSEEN was born at Ottumwa, Ia., September 15, 1879. His father, Rev. M. C. Ranseen, came to America from Blekinge, Sweden, in the early seventies. After taking a course at the Augustana College and Theological Seminary he was ordained a minister in the Augustana Synod, serving as pastor for nearly 50 years. He also held the offices of president of the Illinois Conference, president of the Board of Augustana College and president of the Augustana Hospital. He died in 1920. Carl's mother, Sophie Ranseen, came from Västergötland, Sweden. Carl, who was the fifth of twelve children, studied at Augustana College and the University of Wisconsin, graduting in 1901. Taking his medical course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, he graduated from that institution in 1905. After serving two years as interne at the Augustana Hospital he started medical practice at Rockford in 1907. Dr. Ranseen was married in 1908 to Hilda E. Berglund of Elgin, Ill., a graduate nurse. They have a daughter, Lucile (Mrs. Blair Plimpton), residing at Marengo, Ill. Dr. and Mrs. Ranseen are members of the First Lutheran Church. Dr. Ranseen's office is located in the Reliance Bldg.

CARL HOLMGREN, manufacturer, was born in Holm parish, Dalsland, Sweden, January 28, 1890, and came to America in 1907, locating in Rockford. After working in furniture factories until 1924 he went with the Atlas Furniture Co. at 801 North Madison street, where he is now operating independently, refinishing and finishing furniture under the name of Holmgren Finishing. In 1918 Mr. Holmgren was married to Maria Anderson from Växiö, Småland, Sweden. They have two children, Lillian, private secretary at the Illinois Terrazzo & Tile Co., and Donald, a student at the High School. Mr. Holmgren is a member of the Tabor Lutheran Church and of the Lyran Singing Society.

HELGE G. BLOMGREN, manufacturer, was born in Jönköping, Småland, Sweden, May 7, 1887, and came to America with parents in 1891, locating in Rockford. Devoting himself to furniture work, Helge was employed in furniture factories and was superintendent of the Pierson Co. for six years. In 1932 he organized the Scroll Products Co., located at 811 North Madison street, of which he is manager. They manufacture all sorts of Wall Ornaments. Mr. Blomgren was married in 1917 to Agnes L. Haime of Rockford who is now secretary of the Company. They are blessed with three children, Betty, a graduate nurse; Jack, associated with his father in business; and Jenet, at school.

MARTIN LUNDQUIST, grocer, was born in Böda parish, Öland, Sweden, May 4, 1870, and came to America in 1892, locating in Rockford. A grocer from Sweden, he entered similar employment here in 1895 and opened his own grocery store in 1902. He is now associated with his son Willard Lundquist operating a grocery store at 507 Seventh street. In 1900 Mr. Lundquist was married to Anna Peterson from Öland, Sweden. They have been blessed with three children, Martha, proof reader for the Rockford Morning Star; Henry who died in 1936 at 34 years of age; and Willard, associated with his father in business.

CARL A. DAHLGREN, manufacturer, was born in Rockford February 11, 1888. His father, Albert Dahlgren, came to America from near Falköping, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1883 and located at Rockford where he engaged in farming. He died in 1931. Carl's mother, Amanda Dahlgren, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, is still living, now 76 years old. Carl attended the Rockford public schools and then went to Chicago where he learned toolmaking, taking a night course in the Lane Technical High School from which he graduated in 1915. After 13 years spent in Chicago he returned to Rockford in 1920, engaged in farming four years and was employed by the Barber Colman Co. 2½ years, whereupon he associated himself with J. R. Jernberg in starting the Rockford Die & Tool Works, located at 1816 17th avenue, Mr. Dahlgren being president of the company, Mr. Jernberg vice president and E. H. Odell secretary and treasurer. In 1915 Mr. Dahlgren was married to Hilma M. Nelson from Värmland, Sweden. They have three children, Eleonore (Mrs. C. L. Badger), residing at Springfield, Ill.; Robert E., engaged with his father; and C. Stanley, 12. Mr. Dahlgren is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

ELMER E. CARLSON, plumber, was born in Ottawa, Ill., September 8, 1894. His father, Magnus Carlson, came to America from Skurup, Skåne, Sweden, in his twenties and located first at Ottawa whence he moved to Rockford a few years later. He has been engaged in lumber yards and still resides in Rockford. Elmer's mother, Christina Carlson, came from Solberga, Skåne, Sweden. Elmer attended the public school and then worked in grocery stores till he took up the plumbing trade in 1922. He was married in 1919 to Ruth Linder of Rockford. They have five children, Leslie, assisting his father; Doris, a High School graduate; Roger, attending the Senior High School; Richard, a student in the Junior High School; and Gerold. The family residence is located at 616 16th street.

EDWARD O. SJOLIN, tailor, was born in Eslöf, Skåne, Sweden, July 11, 1872, and came to America in May, 1905. A tailor from Sweden, he located first in Kewanee, Ill., where he spent two years, whereupon he traveled about as journeyman tailor, working at his trade in eight different states. Locating in Rockford in 1917, he started his own shop here in 1924. His shop is now located at 209 Seventh street. In 1896 he was married to Augusta Peterson from Sösdala, Skåne, Sweden, who died in 1923, leaving two sons, Victor, molder and coremaker in the Matteson Foundry; and Gunnard, employed in a factory. Mr. Sjolin is a member of the Odd Fellow lodge Tegner No. 799.

HARRY V. JOHNSON, contractor, was born in Arvika, Värmland, Sweden, April 7, 1891, and came to America in 1910, locating in Rockford. After working in factories and machine shops for some years he started building operations in 1926, his home being located at 320 Welty avenue. In 1918 he entered into wedlock with Ruth Grip from Stockholm, Sweden. They are blessed with five children, Barbara, Richard, Elaine, Frederick and Phillip. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Temple Baptist Church.

ALBIN STRANDQUIST, executive, was born in Rockford Jan. 20, 1899. His father, John P. Strandquist, emigrated to America from Sweden in de early eighties and was conducting a shoe shop in Rockford. He died January 4, 1940. Albin's mother, Anna Strandquist, also a native of Sweden, is still living. After attending public school and night school Albin went to work for the National Lock Co., having been connected with this concern ever since, being now the president of the company. He was married July 17, 1919, to Marjorie Marie Patterson of Genoa, Ill. They have two children, Jack, 16, and JaniceAnn, 4. Mr. and Mrs. Strandquist are members of the Centennial Methodist Church.—The National Lock Co., Rockford's largest industrial concern, was organized in 1903 by prominent Swedish industrialists. Mr. P. A. Peterson was one of the original founders of the company and its president from 1903 till 1927. The original first cost of the manufacturing plant with its equipment was over six million dollars. Product includes upward of 12,000 distinct designs, sizes and shapes. The buildings contain more than twelve acres of floor space for office, manufacturing and storage purposes. The number of employees is about 2,500.

FRANK C. FRANZEN, manufacturer, was born in Rockford March 29, 1890. His father, Oscar Franzen, came to America from Sweden in the eighties, locating first in Chicago whence he later moved to Rockford. He lost his life in a railroad accident in 1895. Frank's mother, Selma Franzen, who came from Värmland, Sweden, is still living. Frank received his education in the public school, High School, and University of Illinois. During the World War he served in the army as 1st lieutenant of the air service, spending 1½ years overseas. Returning from the war he finished his four year course at the university, studying engineering and administration. In 1923 he went with the Mechanics Tool Co. which he reorganized into Forgings & Stampings, manufacturing forgings and stampings for other manufacturers. The shop is located at 23rd avenue and Seventh street and numbers about 40 employees. Mr. Franzen is president and general manager of the company. In 1931 Mr. Franzen was married to Gertrude Wahlbom of Rockford. He is a member of Svea Söner Singing Society and of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson.

AMANDUS T. PALMER, executive, was born in Rockford June 30, 1895. His father, Peter H. Palmer, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1879, locating at Rockford. He was designer and vice president of the Royal Mantle Furniture Co. and vice president of the Rockford National Furniture Co. He died in 1928. Amandus' mother, Amanda Palmer, who also came from Västergötland, Sweden, died in 1896. Amandus received his education in the public school and High School and then entered furniture business with his father. He is now president of the Rockford Superior Furniture Co. and director and vice president of the Rockford National Furniture Co. The Rockford Superior Furniture Co. at 2404 Seventh street manufactures Bed Room and Dining Room Furniture and employs about 100 people. Mr. Palmer was married in 1923 to Ruth Forsberg of Rockford. They are members of the Temple Baptist Church.

NORMAN T. PETERSON, executive, was born in Rockford August 14, 1895. His father, August P. Peterson, one of the pioneer furniture men of Rockford, came to America from Falköping, Västergötland, in 1869, locating first in Chicago, whence he moved to Rockford shortly after. He was connected with the Central Furniture Co. and organized the Rockford National Furniture Co. in 1907. He passed away January 11, 1940, at 84 years of age. His wife, Amanda Peterson, who was born in Rockford of Swedish parents, died in 1918 at the age of 53. Norman was educated in the public school, High School and Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kans. In 1916 he served in the U. S. army on the Mexican border as a member of Company K, 3rd Illinois Infantry, and was discharged in February, 1917. Reenlisting the following April as a private, he was commissioned as 2nd liteutenant and served in France one year, receiving his discharge as 1st lieutenant. Since then he has been with the National Furniture Co., being general manager since 1926. They manufacture Dining Room and Bed Room Furniture of fine and medium quality, employing 85-100 people. Mr. Peterson was married in 1920 to Mildred E. Berg of Rockford. They are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ERNEST R. LUNDIN, mason contractor, was born in Ökna parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, January 16, 1880, and was brought up in Norrköping, Sweden. In 1913 he emigrated to America and located in Rockford. A bricklayer from Sweden, he worked for other contractors until 1917 when he went into partnership with Harry F. Grip, forming the contracting firm Lundin & Grip, General Mason Contractors, with office in the Reliance Building. Mr. Lundin was married in 1906 to Thyra Anna N. Olson from Norrköping, Sweden. They have a daughter, Gertrude (Mrs. W. F. Westerlind), residing at Hartford, Conn. Mr. Lundin is a member of the Viking lodge Ellida and of the Vasa lodge Brahe.

PHILIP WEST, office manager, was born in Rockford January 17, 1901. His father, John West, came to America from Värmland, Sweden, in 1893 and in the course of a year located in Rockford, where he has been engaged in furniture factories. Philip's mother, Amanda, came from Småland, Sweden. Philip received his education in the public school and High School. In 1937 he joined George and Simon Lindstrom and Hugo Carlson in organizing the Service Engineering Co. at 743 Twentieth street, manufacturers of Tools and Dies. Mr. West is office manager of the company. In 1935 Mr. West entered into marriage union with Sylvia Walrod of Sycamore.

ARTHUR W. JOHNSON, contractor, was born in Chicago September 15, 1897. His parents, Oscar and Ida Johnson, returned to Sweden in 1898, locating in Kymbo parish, Västergötland, where they are still living. Arthur grew up in Sweden and returned to America in 1916, locating in Rockford. Here he learned the carpenter's trade and worked for other contractors until 1922 when he started contracting for himself. Mr. Johnson was married in 1922 to Martha Lönn from Huskvarna, Småland. They are members of the Vasa lodge Elvira and reside at 410 Tenth street.

CASPER W. SANDEHN, oil dealer, was born in Rockford March 1, 1892. His father, Carl Gustaf W. Sandehn, came to Rockford from Jönköping, Småland, Sweden, in 1879. He was active here as a dry goods merchant and passed away in 1936. Casper's mother, Carrie Sandehn, who was born in Rockford of Swedish parents, died in California in 1906. Casper obtained his education in the public school, High School and University of Illinois, whereupon he entered oil and chemical business. During the World War he served in the army 18 months. After organizing the Libby Oil & Chemical Co. he was with that concern for 16 years. In January, 1937, he started the Industrial Oil & Chemical Co. at 1227 22nd street of which he is now president, Emil Bargren being treasurer of the company. They deal in heavy chemicals, oils and alkali. In 1921 Mr. Sandehn was married to Anna Bargren of Rockford, with whom he has two daughters, Carolyn and Clara Mae. Mr. Sandehn is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and of the American Legion.

G. RICHARD CARLSON, laundry owner, was born in Chicago, April 21, 1894. His father, N. E. Carlson, came to Chicago from Gothenburg, Sweden, in the early eighties, and has been engaged as a stationary engineer. Richard's mother, Ida W. Carlson, a native of Vänersborg, Sweden, died in 1929. Richard grew up in Chicago and received his education in the city schools. He afterwards took to railroading and was employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad as fireman and engineer for 16 years. Coming to Rockford in 1925, he entered the laundry business and since 1927 has been operating the Forest City Laundry at 1420 South Main street. In 1915 Mr. Carlson was married to Alma Dralle from Elgin, Ill. They have a son, Donald R., 21, attending the government aviation school at Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Carlson is a member of the Lyran Singing Society and of the Viking lodge Baltic.

AXEL V. ERICSON, electrical contractor, was born in Borlänge, Dalarne, Sweden, May 1, 1900, and came to America in October, 1924, locating first in Chicago. An electrician from Sweden, he took up electric work, working for other contractors. In 1928 he moved to Rockford and became associated with Howard Peterson as electric contractors. In 1930 he started for himself under the name of Broadway Electric. Since 1936 he has operated the Axel Ericson Electric Co. at 1005 Fifth avenue. Mr. Ericson was married in 1927 to Gertrude Brate of Brofors, Västmanland, with whom he has a son, Hans, 10 years old. Mr. Ericson is a member of Svea Söner, Lyran Singing Society, Svithiod lodge John Ericsson and the Viking lodge Baltic.

SIGURD GORANSON, florist, was born in Rockford of Swedish parents August 25, 1912. His father, John Goranson, a moulder, came to America from Småland, Sweden, about 30 years ago. His mother, Ellen Goranson, is a native of Gothenburg, Sweden. Sigurd received his education in the Rockford city schools. He is now manager of the Florist Service Co., wholesale flower dealers, 160 Morgan street. Mr. Goranson was married in 1932 to Beatrice Walker from Wisconsin with whom he has a daughter, Barbara Kay. Mr. and Mrs. Goranson are members of the Bethany Methodist Church.

A. ARTHUR LUNDGREN, executive, was born at Lake Station (East Gary), Ind., November 4, 1892. His father, August Lundgren, came to America from Skaraborgs län, Sweden, in 1866 at five years of age. The family located in Minnesota where Arthur's father passed away in 1892. His mother, Emma Lundgren, who was born in Minnesota of Swedish parents, died in 1932. Arthur grew up in St. Paul, Minn., where he attended the city schools and a business college, choosing the vocation of an accountant. In 1922 he came to Rockford and became connected with the Burd Piston Ring Co. of which he is now vice president and sales manager. The company was organized 26 years ago and employs about 500 people, manufacturing Piston Rings and Ha Dees car heaters. During the World War Mr. Lundgren served in the army two years, spending one year overseas. In 1919 he entered into marriage union with Emma Harmann from Germany. They have two children, Lila Adelaide, attending college, and Alvin Arthur.

GUNNARD A. ANDERSON, manufacturer, was born in Rockford June 11, 1893. His father, John Emil Anderson, came to America from Falköping, Sweden, in 1889 and located in Rockford where he was engaged as a cabinet maker. He died in 1937. Gunnard's mother, Anna Anderson, also from Falköping, Sweden, is still living. After attending the public school and a business college Gunnard was employed as a bookkeeper. In 1922 he went with the Rockford Republic Furniture Co. of which he is now president and manager. They manufacture Dining Room and Novelty Furniture and Sewing Machine Cabinets and employ about 135 people. On September 24, 1919, Mr. Anderson was married to Hannah Bargren from Dalsland, Sweden. They have two sons, G. Arthur, 17, and James D., 8. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Evangelical Free Church, Mr. Anderson being also president of the Swedish American Hospital.

VERNER W. OLSON, pattern maker, was born in Stora Tuna, Dalarne, Sweden, April 27, 1903, and came to America in 1923, locating in Rockford. After working in factories for some years he entered into partnership with Harold Hasselroth in 1937, establishing the Star Pattern and Model Works at 2230 Kishwaukee street. They employ about 20 people. In 1926 Mr. Olson was married to Esther Carlson from Dalarne, Sweden. Mr. Olson is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

HAROLD HASSELROTH, pattern maker, was born in Galesburg, Ill., February 21, 1900. His father, A. F. Hasselroth, emigrated to America from Malmo, Sweden, in 1885. He is a blacksmith by trade and is now living at Rockford. Harold's mother, Ida Hasselroth, who came from Vimmerby, Småland, Sweden, died in 1924. Harold grew up in Moline, Ill., where he attended the public school and High School and afterwards learned pattern making. He came to Rockford in 1927 and worked in factories until 1937 when he entered into partnership with Verner W. Olson, starting the Star Pattern and Model Works. In 1931 Mr. Hasselroth was married to Lillian Fahnstrom of Victoria, Ill. They have two children, Carol Jean and Pearl Joan.

O. G. NELSON, manufacturer, was born at Grant Meadow, Minn., October 4, 1875. His father, Guldbrand Nelson, emigrated from Norway to Minnesota in 1862 and was engaged in farming. He died in 1893. His wife, Karin Nelson, also from Norway, passed away in 1938. O. G. Nelson received his education in the public schools and remained on the farm till the age of 22. Moving to Chicago in 1897, he became connected with the National Mirror Works Co. and went with said company to Rockford in 1902 as superintendent and later president of the concern. In 1928 he became manager of the Rockford Showcase and Fixture Co. at 1034 Elm street. They manufacture Showcases and Store Fixtures, employing about 75 people. Mr. Nelson was married in 1933 to Norma Christianson of Rockford. They have a daughter, Arline Miriam. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. SALL, manufacturer, was born near Oberlin, Kans., June 24, 1889. His father, John A. Sall, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the seventies and located on a homestead near Oberlin, being one of the pioneer settlers in that district. In 1906 he returned to Sweden with his family, residing there until his death in 1931. John's mother, Augusta Sall, is still living in Sweden. Some of the children returned to America, John arriving in Rockford in 1909. Being a wood worker, he and his brother, C. Alfred Sall, started a Pattern and Machine Shop in 1918 under the name of Sall Bros Co. at 2320 Kishwaukee street. Alfred died in 1928. Since then John Sall has been sole operator of the works, employing about 30 people. In 1911 Mr. Sall was married to Esther Brodd, born in America of Swedish parents. They have a son, Wesley, 24, associated with his father.

EDWARD J. LARSON emigrated to America from Elfsborgs län, Sweden, in 1891, and located at Rockford where he has been active as a dairyman, teamster, farmer and factory worker. In 1897 he entered into marriage union with Hilma Nord från Västra Tollstad, Östergötland, Sweden, who had arrived in America five years previously. They have been blessed with five children, Edward W., born 1897; Hilmer, born 1899; Arthur, born, 1903; Frank, born 1906; and Vivian, born 1909. The four sons started a sand and gravel business in 1928 which they are now operating under the name of Larson Bros. Sand & Gravel, dealing in sand, gravel and concrete blocks. The elder Larson who resides at 1822 South Fifth street, has for some years been assisting his sons with their office work.

LEONARD I. PETERSON, Battery and Electric Service, was born in Rockford May 15, 1901. His father, John F. Peterson, came to Rockford from Norway about 1895. He was a painting contractor and passed away here in 1933. Leonard's mother, Selma Peterson, who came from Öland, Sweden, is still living. Leonard received his education in the public school and then devoted himself to air service from 1920 till 1923. Afterwards he took up automotive electrical service and opened the Peterson Battery & Electric at 207 South Winnebago street. He was married in 1923 to Louise Finkbiener of Rockford. They have two children, Leonard Junior, 13, and Shirley Lou, 4.

FRANK I. JOHNSON, artist, was born in Nässjö, Sweden, April 2, 1879, and came to America with his parents in 1880. The family located first in Pecatonica, Ill., but later moved to Rockford, where Frank's father, Frank John Johnson, worked for a furniture company in which he acquired an interest. He died about 40 years ago. Frank's mother, Anna Katrina Johnson, nee Jönsson, passed away in 1906. Frank obtained his education in the city schools. Already in boyhood he evidenced an inclination for portrait painting, and at seventeen he began making crayon portraits. In 1908 he took up furniture designing to which he devoted himself successfully for 30 years, mostly in Rockford. In the meantime he continued portrait painting as a side issue until he has developed into a remarkably skillful portrait artist, attracting the attention and commendation of art critics and reviewers in Chicago and elsewhere. His productions have been exhibited a number of times at the Chicago Galleries as well as in Rockford, and he is now devoting all his time to portrait painting. In 1914 Mr. Johnson was married to Lillie Mathilda Lundberg of Rockford. They have a daughter(Lillie Margherite, a graduate of Stevens College, Columbus, Mo., and the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, now employed by Marshall Fields in Chicago. Mr. Johnson's studio is located at 421 East State street, second floor. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

PAUL L. STROMBERG, interior decorator, was born in Rockford April 26, 1904. His father, Carl Stromberg, came to America from Tängelsås, a suburb of Malmö, Sweden, in 1892 and located in Rockford where he was active in his trade as an interior decorator. He died in 1931. Paul's mother, Hilma Stromberg, who came from Arlöf, Sweden, passed away in 1929. Paul received his education in the Rockford city schools, the University of Illinois and Beloit College. Afterwards he studied interior architecture and decoration at the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts at New York and Paris, extending his studies to Germany, Italy and Sweden. Returning to Rockford, he worked for his father until the death of the latter when the Carl Stromberg Studio was incorporated under the name of Stromberg Studios, Inc. Their office and display rooms are located at 325 West Jefferson street. In 1935 Mr. Stromberg was married to Helen Gardner of Rockford. They have a son, Carl K., born in January, 1938.

AXEL E. PEARSON, photographer, came to America with parents from Skurup, Skåne, Sweden, in 1899, the family locating first in the state of Maine, whence they moved to Rockford three years later. Here Axel worked for other photographers until in 1920 he opened his own studio on Fourth avenue. In 1930 he moved his studio to 421 Seventh street. In 1917 Mr. Pearson was married to Theresa Dahlstrom from Skepparröd, Västergötland, Sweden. They have been blessed with three children, Clarence Axel, 22, photographer; Phyllis Louise, 15; and Lois May, 11. Mr. Pearson was called away suddenly March 16, 1939, since when Mrs. Pearson and her son have operated the Pearson Studio. The Pearson family is affiliated with the Zion Lutheran Church.

WILHELM G. ADAMSON, paint dealer, was born in Rockford March 24, 1905. His father, Charles E. Adamson, came to Rockford from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1890. He was a furniture worker and passed away here in 1931. Wilhelm's mother, Augusta J. Adamson, who came from Vartofta, Västergötland, Sweden, died in 1932. After passing through the city schools Wilhelm was engaged as general bookkeeper by the Rockford Electric Co. three years, whereupon he was employed in paint stores for a number of years. In 1934 he opened the Adamson-Johnson Paint Co., their store being located at the corner of Fourth avenue and Seventh street. On October 7, 1933, Mr. Adamson was married to Eva Frank of Rockford, with whom he has a daughter, Carol Alice, born September 19, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Adamson are members of the Salem Lutheran Church.

N. EMIL SWENSON, stationer, was born in Småland, Sweden, August 17, 1864, and came to America in 1882. Locating in Rockford, he was engaged in furniture business until 1915 when he purchased John A. Alden's Book and Stationary store which he conducted until his death in October, 1938. Mr. Swenson was married in 1919 to Elin C. Flodell from Gudhem parish, Västergötland. Since Mr. Swenson's death Mrs. Swenson has continued his business, dealing in books and stationary and selling steamship tickets, making a specialty of Swedish books and greeting cards. The store is located at 425 Seventh street. Mrs. Swenson is a member of the First Lutheran Church.

HUGO PETERSON, manufacturer, was born in Köping parish, Öland, Sweden, January 5, 1872, and came to America in 1888, locating first in Chicago, whence he moved to Rockford a year later. After working in furniture factories until 1917 he joined the Continental Desk Co. which had been organized a few months previously. He is now vice president and superintendent of the company, Mr. M. R. Wall being president. They manufacture cedar chests and novelties, employing about 25 people, their factory being located at 631 Cedar street. In 1904 Mr. Peterson was married to Esther Engdahl of Rockford. They have a daughter, Evelyn, employed as a bookkeeper. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the First Lutheran Church.

ESKIL J. JACOBSON, printer, was born of Swedish parents at Capron, Ill., in 1889. After being employed as a printer for 20 years he and his son, Wilbur Jacobson, started their own printing shop in 1933 under the name Forest City Printing Co., located at 1321-23 Kilburn avenue, where they are engaged in commercial printing. On July 3, 1910, Eskil Jacobson was married to Jessie I. Taylor of Freeport, Ill. They have two children, Wilbur, associated with his father in business, and Jessalyn (Mrs. E. Cunningham).

WILBUR C. JACOBSON, printer, son of Eskil J. Jacobson, above, was born in Rockford September 22, 1911. After attending public school and High School he learned printing and became associated with his father in printing business. He was married in 1937 to Mary Jane Wade of Rockford with whom he has a son, John, born July 12, 1939.

MARTIN A. KJELLGREN, manufacturer, was born in Rockford August 23, 1877. His father, Andrew Kjellgren, came to Rockford from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1864. In the early seventies he started furniture activities and was one of the organizers of the Union Furniture Co. February 23, 1882, himself becoming president of the company, August Peterson secretary and Alex Steinman treasurer. Other prominent stockholders were P. A. Peterson and August Kjellgren. Andrew Kjellgren died in 1921, and his wife, Christina Mathilda Kjellgren, a native of Småland, Sweden, passed away in 1931. Martin attended the public school and High School whereupon he became a traveling furniture salesman. Later he was engaged in banking business for thirty years, retiring as vice president of the Third National Bank in 1934. Since then he has been connected with The Rockford Chair & Furniture Co. (organized in 1882), located at 920 Ninth street, of which he is now vice president and general manager. Mr. Kjellgren was married in 1905 to Nellie R. Johnson of Rockford. They have three children, Lola (Mrs. M. Lubratt); Robert, manager of the National Chair Co.; and Stanley, a lumber salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Kjellgren are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church. His father was organist of the First Lutheran Church for eight years in the early days of Rockford's Swedish colony.

MAYNARD F. WESTRING, stationer, was born in Rockford June 16, 1898. His father, John R. Westring, emigrated to America from Kalmar län, Sweden, in 1879, coming direct to Rockford. His mother, Alma (Vickstrom) Westring, was born in Östergötland, Sweden. Maynard attended the city schools of Rockford and later the University of Oregon. During the World War he served in the U. S. Navy as radio operator. After the war he moved to the Pacific Coast where he lived for several years. In Portland, Oregon, he was a member of the sales organization of the Kilham Stationary & Printing Co. In the fall of 1923 he helped organize the firm of the Mid-City Stationers, Inc., in Rockford, of which organization he is president. Mr. Westring has been president of the East State District Business and Professional Men's Association, and is an active member of the American Legion, the Navy Club of Rockford and the Navy Clubs of the United States. He is also a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce and the Rockford Men Singers, a male chorus of the city. On August 19, 1926, he entered into wedlock with Vivian M. Rothwell of Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Westring are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Rockford.

JOSEPH CARLSON, shoemaker, was born in Kumla parish, Nerike, Sweden, May 12, 1886, and learned his trade from his father. In 1907 he emigrated to America, locating first in Rockford. Pursuing his trade, he worked in various shops in Rockford; Kansas City, Mo.; Clinton, Ia., and many other places until 1915 when he opened his own shop at 1410 Seventh street, Rockford, which he is still operating. He was married in 1910 to Elsie Erickson from Östergötland, Sweden. They have two children, Aina (Mrs. Clifford Jones), and Sture, employed as tool and die maker, both residing in Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Viking lodge Baltic.

ANDREW W. NORBECK, shoe merchant, was born in Karlstad, Värmland, Sweden, May 12, 1863, and came to America in 1886, locating at Manistee, Mich. Moving to Rockford in 1899, he opened a shoe store at 505 Seventh street in partnership with Mr. Miller under the name of Norbeck & Miller. The partnership was dissolved in August, 1907, and the following year Mr. Norbeck established his own shoe store at 504 Seventh street. Since 1918 he has been associated with his son Eskel under the firm name Norbeck & Son, their business now being located at 317 Seventh street. In 1892 Mr. Norbeck was married to Clara A. Peterson from Södermanland, Sweden, their union being blessed with two sons, Eskel, born November 28, 1894, and Norris who died in 1908 at eleven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Norbeck are members of the Evangelical Free Church.—Eskel Norbeck who is associated with his father in shoe business, obtained his education in the city schools and was married in 1919 to Emily T. Wilson of Philadelphia. They have four children, Clara, taking nurse training at the Swedish American hospital; Norris, employed by the Free Sewing Machine Co.; David, a student at the East High School; and Eskel, Junior. Eskel Norbeck and his family are affiliated with the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

C. R. FAGERBERG, upholsterer, was born in Boda, Värmland, and came to America with parents in 1881. After two years at Sycamore, Ill., the family moved to Rockford in 1883, where the father, C. E. Fagerberg, was employed in a furniture factory until his death about 20 years ago. His wife, Mathilda Fagerberg, passed away about 15 years ago. Young Fagerberg started upholstery work at 14 years of age. In 1916 he bought a half interest in Norberg & Mattes Upholstery Shop and was associated with Mr. Norberg in the business until 1924 when the firm was incorporated with five stockholders. In 1921 Mr. Fagerberg acquired Mr. Norberg's interest in the shop at 208 No. Water street. In 1898 Mr. Fagerberg married Anna J. Lagerberg of Rockford. They have been blessed with five children, Mildred Eleanor (Mrs. T. L. Hitchcox), Detroit, Mich.; Carl Roland, who died in 1935 at 33 years of age; Pearl, who died in 1909 at the age of six; Evelyn Vera, treasurer of the company; and Ruth Astrid (Mrs. E. P. Carlson).

ELMER W. JOHNSON, realtor, was born in Rockford June 19, 1898. His father, Chas. W. Johnson, came to America from Borås, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1886 and located at Rockford where he has been engaged as a mason contractor until retiring from active work. Elmer's mother, Carrie Johnson, came from Skåne, Sweden. Elmer received his education in the city schools and the Lake Forest University and Valparaiso University. After being employed as a bookkeeper for some time he opened a real estate and insurance office in 1925, being now located in 303 City Hall Bldg. In 1922 Mr. Johnson was married to Florence Orr of Fort Wayne, Ind., who was taken by death in 1929. He was married again in 1935 to Vivian Carter of Rockford with whom he has a son, Carter Charles, 2½ years old. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Johnson being also a member of the Viking lodge Baltic.

JOHN A. CARLSON, garage owner, was born in Mönsterås, Kalmar län, Sweden, October 23, 1873, and grew up in Torsås parish, Kalmar län. In 1891 he emigrated to America and located at Rockford where he learned wood-carving, ultimately becoming foreman and superintendent at the Royal Mantle and National Furniture factories. In 1915 he started the Skandia Garage and Motor Sales which was incorporated in 1931 under the name of Skandia Motor Sales, Inc., with Mr. Carlson as president. They are now engaged in the sale of Ford cars, their garage being located at 1417 Seventh street. In 1896 Mr. Carlson was married to Hilda C. Anderson from Torsås parish, Småland. They have three children, Mable (Mrs. Rev. David Segerstrom), Ballardville, Mass.; George R., employed by the Rockford Sanitary District; and Sibyl Viola (Mrs. Irving Swanson), residing on a farm near Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church, Mr. Carlson having been a member of the Church Board for eighteen years.

ERIC J. GUSTAFSON, automotive dealer, was born in Järna parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, May 12, 1883, and came to America with his parents in 1887. The family located in Rockford where the father, Levin Claus Gustafson, was active as a carpenter. He died in 1928, and his wife, Clara Gustafson, about 1900. Eric received his education in the public school, High School and business college, whereupon he became a tool and die maker. In April, 1909, he opened the Automotive and Industrial Supply store at 417 South Winnebago street which he is now conducting. Mr. Gustafson was married in 1915 to Hildur V. Gustafson, also from Järna, Sweden. They have two children, Roy E., assisting his father in the business; and Miriam V., a student at the Purdue University. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson are members of the First Lutheran Church.

O. RENUS HOLMIN, dentist, was born in Rockford February 20, 1879. His father, August Holmin, emigrated to America from Västergötland, Sweden, as a young man and worked at his trade as a tailor until his death in 1926. Renus' mother, Mathilda Holmin, who was born in Rockford of Swedish parents, died in 1929. After attending the Rockford schools Renus studied dentistry at the Northwestern University, Chicago, graduating in 1904, whereupon he started practice in Rockford. His office is located in 700 City Hall Bldg. In 1907 Dr. Holmin was married to Mabel Johnson of Rockford. They have two children, Serena, teacher in the Senior High School; and William A., a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, now engaged in radio business at 1131 Charles street.

GUSTAF EMIL (PETE) LARSON, contractor, was born at Billingsfors, Stenby parish, Dalsland, Sweden, May 28, 1891, and learned the building trade in Sweden. Arriving in America in 1913, he located first in New York City, moving later to Chicago and from there in 1917 to Rockford. After working for Nels Lind and other contractors until 1921, he started contracting for himself. In 1926 Mr. Larson was married to Edna Olson of Rockford who passed away in 1931. In 1935 he entered into wedlock the second time with Adelia Linder, also of Rockford. They are members of the Vasa lodge Elvira.

TUVE J. FLODEN, executive, was born in Chicago November 16, 1893. His father, Carl Ludvig Floden, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the seventies. He was a tailor and engaged in his trade first in Chicago and then in Rockford whither he removed in 1903. He died in 1930 at 66 years of age. Tuve's mother, Christine (Person) Floden, a native of Skåne, Sweden, passed away in 1932 at 59. Tuve received his education in the public school and High School of Rockford and the University of Wisconsin, graduating from the latter institution in 1915. After teaching in the Rockford High School for two years he served in the U. S. army during the World War 1½ years whereof 16 months abroad. Returning from the war he went with the Nelson Knitting Co., becoming president of the company in January, 1937. In 1921 Mr. Nelson was married to Lea Gordon of Rockford. They have three children, John, 18, attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Jill, 15; and Robert, 12. Mr. Floden is a member of the Second Congregational Church and of the John Ericsson Republican League. The Nelson Knitting Co. started business in 1876 and was incorporated in 1880. The number of employees is about 250, and the daily output 50,000 pairs of working socks.

FRANK G. SHELAIN, factory superintendent, was born in Vetlanda, Småland, Sweden, June 23, 1863, and came to America in 1881, locating in Rockford. A machinist by trade, he worked for the Rockford Watch Factory two years. In March, 1883, he went with the Nelson Knitting Co., becoming superintendent of the factory in 1896. Mr. Shelain was married in 1886 to Hilda Beckman from near Hjo, Västergötland, Sweden. They have been blessed with five children, Bessie (Mrs. A. G. Fogle), died in 1934; Ernest, died in 1907 at 17 years of age; Eva (Mrs. Robert Reed); Lee C., engineer, employed by the Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co.; Richard F., assistant superintendent of the Nelson Knitting Co. Mr. Shelain is a member of the Lyran Singing Society. His activity as a promoter of Swedish singing dates back over a period of more than fifty years for which he has been awarded a medal by the United Swedish Singers of America.

ERNEST ALBIN ANDERSON, grocer, was born in Eriksberg parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, September 9, 1885. He emigrated to America in 1901 in company with a sister, their parents arriving in October of the same year. Ernest's father, Claus Johan Anderson, who was employed in furniture factories, died in 1937. His mother, Mathilda Sophia Anderson, is still living, having reached the age of 91 years. Ernest was employed in furniture factories until 1902 when he obtained employment in a grocery store in Chicago. In 1908 he opened a grocery store in Stillman Valley which he five years later traded for a similar store in Rockford at 1101 Broadway that he is now operating under the name of Broadway Cash Grocery. Mr. Anderson was married in 1911 to Mabel Edna Ring from Stillman Valley. They have three children, Helen, 19; John, 18, attending the University of Illinois; and William, 15. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

CARL F. BERGSTROM, merchant, was born in Rockford April 2, 1885. His father, Carl Axel Bergstrom, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the early eighties. He located in Rockford where he was employed in furniture factories, passing away here in September, 1933. Carl's mother, Charlotta A. Bergstrom, also from Västergötland, Sweden, died in 1908. Carl received his education in the public school and then made a short sojourn in South Dakota. Afterwards he worked in Rockford factories until he entered grocery business with his brother, Oscar, purchasing the Charles Nelson store at 1825 Seventh street. In 1912 the two brothers quit the grocery business and engaged in farming for two years, whereupon they again took up the grocery line, continuing until 1920 when they sold their store. In 1921 they opened a hardware store at Seventh street and 18th avenue, and erected a new store at that corner in 1923, which they are now operating. Carl Bergstrom was married in 1919 to Esther Lindell of Rockford, a graduate in music and voice of Augustana College. They have two children, Lauretta (Mrs. Robert Dahlgren); and Roger, attending High School. Mr. Bergstrom is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church and of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

OSCAR B. BERGSTROM, merchant, brother of Carl F. Bergstrom, above, was born in Rockford September 19, 1886, and received his education in the public school, whereupon he worked in factories and grocery stores until he entered business with his brother. In 1911 he was married to Anna V. Osberg from Västergötland, Sweden. They have a daughter, Eunice, employed in the office of the National Lock Co. Like his brother, Oscar Bergstrom is affiliated with the Salem Lutheran Church and Svea Söner.

LAWRENCE D. LUNDGREN, dairy owner, was born at St. Charles, Ill., April 12, 1880, and grew up on a farm near St. Charles. In 1892 he came to Rockford where he was engaged in grocery business with his father until 1920 when he took up dairy work, working for different dairy companies till four years ago when he established the Kishwaukee Dairy at 1822 Sixth street. Mr. Lundgren was married in 1910 to Anna Johnson, a native of Sweden. They have three children, Clifford, 29, employed by the Cudahy Packing Co.; Howard, 27, associated with his father in business; and Lenora, bookkeeper for Wilson-Hall Printing Co. Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

HOWARD W. LINDEMAN, meat dealer, was born in Rockford July 5, 1905. His father, Bert Lindeman, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the eighties and is a machinist by trade. Howard's mother, Ellen Lindeman, is also a native of Västergötland. Howard received his education in the public school and High school of Rockford, and then engaged in meat business. For the last five years he has been in partnership with Wendel Olson, operating the Prospect Meat Market at 1655 Charles street. Mr. Lindeman was married in 1927 to Violet Lindstrand of Rockford. They have two children, Gerald, 10; and Nadine, 5. Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

FRITJOF NELSON, manufacturer, was born in Rockford July 18, 1865. His father, John Nelson, the noted inventor of the Nelson Knitting Machine, was born in Kärråkra, Västergötland, Sweden, April 5, 1830, and came to America in 1852, locating in Rockford the same year. After much experimenting his Knitting Machine was brought to a measure of completion in 1873 and some time later the Nelson Knitting Co. was organized, being incorporated in 1880. John Nelson died in 1883, and his wife, Eva Christina, also from Västergötland, in 1922, 88 years old. After his death his sons continued the business, Fritjof Nelson, the only remaining one, being now president of the Forest City Knitting Co., organized in 1890, and employing about 150 people. Fritjof Nelson was married in 1894 to May Hobler of Batavia, Ill. They have two daughters, Katherine (Mrs. W. Hobbard); and Elizabeth E. (Mrs. Edward Eisner, Mr. Eisner being treasurer of the Knitting Co.) The factory is located at 212 Catherine street.

FOLKE CLAUSON, sheet metal worker, was born in Kölaby parish, Västergötland, Sweden, July 27, 1885, and emigrated to America in 1905, locating in Rockford. After working in a furniture factory a year he entered the service of the Skandia Hardware Co., remaining with them until 1911 when he went with the Carlson & Son Hardware Co. Ten years later he and his brother Thorsten P. Clauson, became connected with the Rockford Hardware Co. and in 1929 they opened their own sheet metal shop at 1233 Broadway Court under the name of Clauson Brothers, Sheet Metal, Furnaces & Dry Gas. In 1912 Folke Clauson was married to Hilma Peterson of Rockford. They have four children, Paul, assistant to his father in sheet metal work; Dorothy (Mrs. L. Oman); Phyllis, stenographer; and Raymond, employed by the Clark Manufacturing Co. Mr. and Mrs. Clauson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

THORSTEN P. CLAUSON, sheet metal worker, a brother of Folke Clauson, above, was born in Kölaby parish, Västergötland, Sweden, February 23, 1893, and came to America in 1910, going direct to Rockford. After working in a furniture factory 1½ years he engaged in sheet metal work and in 1921 joined his brother at the Rockford Hardware Co. Since 1929 he has been associated with his brother in the Clauson Brothers Sheet Metal, Furnaces & Dry Gas. In 1927 Thorsten P. Clauson was married to Amy Wetterstrom of Rockford with whom he has two children, John, 8; and Marilyn, 5. Mr. and Mrs. Clauson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

JOHN A. GUSTAFSON, baker, was born in Spring Valley, Ill., November 27, 1887. His father, Carl Gustafson, came to America from Sweden in the early eighties. He was a carpenter by trade and passed away in 1914. John's mother, Charlotte Gustafson, who came from Småland, Sweden, died in 1932. John attended the public school and then learned the baker's trade. In 1928 he opened the Highland Bakery at 1665 Charles street which he is now operating. He was married in 1914 to Emma Reimer, of Danish parentage, with whom he has a son, John, 23, employed in the office of the National Lock Co. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson are members of the Viking lodge Baltic.

G. ADOLPH PETERSON, banker, was born in Falköping, Sweden, in 1862 and emigrated to America in 1878. He was first employed on a farm, and then hired out to a grocer in Rockford where he was engaged for three years. In 1886 he moved to Wakefield, Nebr., where he conducted a General Merchandise store for 21 years. Returning to Rockford in 1907, he started the Rockford National Furniture Co. that year and in 1910 when the Swedish American National Bank was organized he became president of that institution. In 1913 he sold out his interest in the bank, but in 1914 became cashier of the bank and was later made president which position he held until recently retiring from that responsibility. He is now vice president of the bank, president of the Rockford National Furniture Co. and president of the Elco Tool & Screw Corporation. In 1892 Mr. Peterson was married to Amanda E. Anderson of Rockford. They have a daughter, Helen (Mrs. Robert E. Greene), residing in Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ALBIN J. NELSON, baker, was born near Malmö, Sweden, May 15, 1878, and came to America with his parents in 1883. The family located in Rockford where Albin's father, Peter Nelson, was employed in factories and on the railroad. He died in 1888. His wife, Anna Nelson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, passed away in 1924. Albin received his education in the public school and started to learn the baker's trade at fourteen. He worked for other bakers until 1903 when he opened his own bakery. Being burned out in 1908, he was again employed by other bakers until 1922, when he opened the bakery at 602 Seventh street which he is now conducting. Mr. Nelson was married in 1905 to Alma Uden from Dalsland, Sweden. They have a daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. Clifford Thoren) who is assisting in her father's store. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the First Lutheran Church.

JOHN CLARENCE HOLMBERG, cement and mason contractor, was born in Rockford September 25, 1901. His father, John Holmberg, emigrated to America from Kalmar län, Sweden, in the later eighties and was engaged in cement sidewalk work. He died in 1935. Clarence's mother, Selma Holmberg, who came from Lilla Klo, Småland, Sweden, is still living. Clarence grew up in Rockford and received his education in the city schools. After working with his father until the latter's death he operated alone until 1937 when he entered into partnership with Everett Holm as concrete and mason contractors. In 1924 Mr. Holmberg was married to Marie Lind of Rockford. They have three children, Eugene, 14; Stanton, 13; and Janet, 5. Mr. and Mrs. Holmberg are members of the Zion Lutheran Church and reside at 2717 16th avenue.

EVERETT HOLM, cement and mason contractor, was born in Rockford October 24, 1906. His father, Knut Holm, came to America from Viskafors, Västergötland, Sweden, and has been engaged in furniture factories in Rockford. He is still living. Everett's mother, Minnie Holm, came from Floby, Västergötland. Everett attended public school and High School and started mason work at eighteen.

After working for other contractors until 1937 he entered into partnership with J. Clarence Holmberg, above. In 1926 Mr. Holm was married to Lillian Senobe from Värmland, Sweden. They are blessed with two children, Arlen, 11; and Kenneth, 6. Their home is located at 2012 17th avenue.

JOHN D. SYDOW, executive, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, January 8, 1884, and came with his parents to America in 1888. The family located first at Elgin, Ill., but moved to Rockford in 1899. John's father, Carl G. Sydow, who was a jeweler, died in 1916, and his mother, Ida Sydow, the same year. John received his education in the Elgin public schools. Upon his arrival in Rockford in 1899 he started work with the Rockford Illustrating Co., of which he is now secretary and manager. The Company was founded in 1894 by K. E. Knutson and does an extensive business in engraving, electrotyping etc. In 1906 Mr. Sydow was married to Beulah Hoover of Rockford. They have four children, Elizabeth (Mrs. Ralph Hanson); Evelyn (Mrs. G. Fuehrer), Ft. Worth, Tex.; John, attending the University of Illinois; and Karl, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Sydow are members of the Second Congregational Church.

B. A. WILSON, executive, was born in Föra parish, Öland, Sweden, August 19, 1883, and emigrated to America in 1902, locating in Rockford. After being employed as a cabinet maker by the Skandia Furniture Co. eight years he took a course at a business college whereupon he was engaged as manager of the Rockford Transfer Co. about two years. In 1912 he went with the Rockford Furniture Co. of which he is now secretary and treasurer. They manufacture Dining Room and Bed Room Furniture and employ about 100 people. Mr. Wilson was married in 1912 to Selma Larson of Rockford. They have three children, June, employed in her father's office; Robert, a furniture salesman; and Sally-May, attending High School. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

BERNHARD W. FRANZEN, meat dealer, was born in Mariestad, Västergötland, Sweden, January 6, 1888, and emigrated to America in 1907, going direct to Rockford. He learned the butcher's trade in Sweden and continued the trade after his arrival in America. After a short stay in Gothenburg, Nebr., he returned to Rockford where he worked for other butchers until 1918 when he established his own shop on Broadway. Quitting the business after four years, he again worked for other meat markets until 1936 when he opened Franzen's Royal Blue Store at 412 Seventh street. Mr. Franzen was married in 1914 to Esther Medin from Mariestad, Sweden. They have three children, Walter, 25, employed by the Ingersoll Milling Machine Co.; Verna (Mrs. D. Johnson); and Warren, attending High School.

ALGOT SKOGSBERG, baker, was born in Brålanda, Dalsland, Sweden, July 28, 1910, and emigrated to America in 1929, going direct to Rockford. Here he learned the baker's trade and worked for other bakers until 1938 when he purchased a bakery at 1204 Broadway which he is now operating under the name of Skogsberg's Bakery. Mr. Skogsberg is a member of the Good Templar lodge Vega.

G. AMOS STOCKHUS, executive, was born in Rockford October 23, 1882. His father, Charles A. Stockhus, came to Rockford from Småland, Sweden, in 1867. He was one of the organizers of Skandia Plow Co. and superintendent of said company. He died in 1925. Amos' mother, Christine Stockhus, who came from Stenbrohult, Småland, Sweden, died in 1915. After attending the public school Amos was employed in furniture factories. In 1919 he went with the West End Furniture Co. and upon the death of J. Herman Lynn succeeded him as president and general manager. In 1907 Mr. Stockhus was married to Effie Lynn of Rockford who passed away in 1929, leaving one child, Meryle. Mr. Stockhus is a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The West End Furniture Co. was organized in 1890 and manufactures Bed Room and Dining Room furniture, employing about 100 people.

SANFORD F. TURNQUIST, sheet metal worker, was born in Åsarp parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, August 22, 1871, and emigrated to America in 1893, locating in Rockford. After being employed by hardware companies for many years, whereof 17½ years by the Skandia Hardware Co., he opened his own shop in 1925 at 1130 17th avenue, which he is now conducting under the name of S. Turnquist and Son, Sheet Metal Work and Furnaces. Mr. Turnquist was married in 1899 to Tekla Frisk from Småland, Sweden. They are blessed with eight children, Myrtle (Mrs. Thorsten Erickson); Hildur (Mrs. F. Nelson); Lillie (Mrs. George Baker), Portland, Oreg.; Nancy (Mrs. Clifford Berg); Lawrence, associated with his father in business; Dorothy (Mrs. Walter Kullberg); Donald, assisting his father; and Jenette (Mrs. L. Anderson). Mr. and Mrs. Turnquist are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

EDGAR SWANBERG, Delicatessen and Fish Market, was born in Nederkalix, Norrbottens län, Sweden, January 18, 1895, and emigrated to America in 1913, locating first in Chicago, whence he moved to Rockford in 1930. Since 1920 he has been engaged in fish business, first in Chicago with the Swedish Produce Company 3½ years and later for himself. In 1930 he started a wholesale fish business in Rockford, and in 1939 opened a retail store at 617 Seventh street. He specializes in Home Made Pickled Herring, Salads of all kinds and Baked Hams. In 1918 Mr. Swanberg was married to Esther Maria Swanson from Ryssby, Kronobergs län, Sweden. They have five children, Esther Linnea, attending a business college; Robert Arthur, employed by Mattison Machine Works; Gladys Eleonore and Philip Calvin, both attending High School; and Tyler Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Swanberg are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church.

AARON GUSTAFSON, baker, was born in Brålanda parish, Dalsland, Sweden, February 22, 1887, and emigrated to America in 1905, locating at St. Charles, Ill. After working in the Cable Piano factory a year he spent some time in California and other western states. In 1920 he located in Rockford where he was engaged in factory work for ten years. Eleven years ago he opened a bakery at 1003 Broadway which he is now conducting. Mr. Gustafson was married in 1922 to Mary Larson from Vingåker, Södermanland, Sweden.

CARL ALFRED PETERSON, grocer, was born in Kråksmåla parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, November 6, 1872, and came to America with the family in 1886, his father, John Peterson, having arrived four years earlier. They located at Stillman Valley, Ill., where the elder Peterson was employed as a section foreman, passing away twelve years ago. Carl's mother, Johanna Peterson, died ten years ago. Carl came to Rockford at five years of age and grew up in Rockford. After working some in furniture factories he entered the grocery business in 1907 and is now operating a grocery store at 702 Kishwaukee street. In 1911 Mr. Peterson was married to Emma Krans from Östergötland, Sweden, who passed away in 1923. They had two children, Lois (Mrs. W. Peterson); and Carolyn, who died in infancy. In 1925 Mr. Peterson was married the second time to Anna Krans. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Mission Tabernacle Church.

WENDELL G. OLSON, meat dealer, was born in Rockford July 18, 1905. His father, Carl Joseph Olson, came to America from Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1898, locating first in Omaha, Nebr., whence he moved to Rockford in 1900. He was a tinner by trade, and passed away here in 1930. Wendell's mother, Anna E. Olson, who came from Västergötland, Sweden, is still living. Wendell received his education in the city schools of Rockford. He entered the butcher business at ten years of age, working for other butchers until 7½ years ago, when he opened his own shop which he now operates at 1435 Charles street. Mr. Olson was married in 1926 to Inez Ahlstrom of Rockford. They have two daughters, Marjorie, 11; and Joanne, 10. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

SIMON J. CARLSON, plumber, was born in Ölmestad parish, Jönköpings län, Sweden, July 13, 1886, and came to America in 1905, locating in Rockford. After being employed at the Skandia Furniture factory for six months he went to Chicago where he learned plumbing. Returning to Rockford in 1912, he worked for other plumbers until 1923 when he started contracting for himself. Mr. Carlson was married in 1914 to Hulda Lilja from Halland, Sweden. She passed away in 1920, leaving two children, Roland, 24, assisting his father in the plumbing business, and Ruth (Mrs. Chester Pall). On August 5, 1922, Mr. Carlson entered into marriage union the second time with Ellen Engstrom of Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Bethany Methodist Church, and reside at 324 Shaw street.

AUGUST E. ROHLIN, tailor, was born in örkelljunga parish, Kristianstads län, Sweden, July 15, 1883, and learned the trade from his father. In 1906 he emigrated to America and located in Rockford where he worked for other tailors a number of years, until he opened his own shop in 1914. Returning to Sweden in 1936, he spent for yours in Västergötland, but came back to his adopted homeland in August, 1940, again locating in Rockford, where he is now conducting a tailor shop at 1511 Seventh street. Mr. Rohlin was married in 1912 to Olga Josephine Svenson from Bramhult, Västergötland. They have a daughter, Evelyn, employed by the National Lock Co. Mr. and Mrs. Rohlin are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

SIGFRID L. ERICKSON, machinist, was born in Örebro, Sweden, June 4, 1882, and emigrated to America in 1900. He located first at Jamestown, N. D., where he worked in a hardware store a year and then for the Northern Pacific railroad in the round house about a year. Moving to Helena, Mont., he was engaged as brakeman by the Northern Pacific nearly a year and then worked in a hardware store and sheet metal shop until 1905. From 1905 till 1914 he was employed by sheet metal concerns in Seattle, Wash. Going to Rockford in 1914, he was employed by the Barber-Colman Co. until 1918, then by the Ingersoll Milling Machine Co., the Mechanics Universal Joint Division, the Free Sewing Machine Co., and the Rockford Heating & Ventilating Co. successively for shorter periods in the capacity of draftsman. After being engaged by the Weber-Furman Hardware Co. for six years and by the Carlson & Son Hardware Co. a similar period he started business for himself in 1933 under name of Ex-El Repair Service at 1022 Third avenue. Mr. Erickson was married in 1908 to Laura Fechtner of Seattle which union was blessed with two daughters, June and Dorothy, both residing at Seattle. In 1920 Mr. Erickson was married the second time to Effie Phillips of Rockford.

OTTO JULIUS PETERSON, baker, was born near Linköping, Sweden, October 23, 1869, and learned the baker's trade in Linköping. Emigrating to America in July, 1892, he located in Rockford and worked for other bakers here until 1918 when he opened his own bakery which he is now conducting at 1126 Kishwaukee street. He also operates a retail store at 616 Seventh street. Mr. Peterson was married in 1894 to Mary Johnson from Värmland, Sweden. They have been blessed with four children, Mauritz, 44, engaged in his father's bakery; Ella Maria (Mrs. Richard Whale); Martha Elvira, who died in 1919 at the age of 16; and Herbert Emil, 35, also employed in the bakery. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Odd Fellow lodge Tegner.

CLIFFORD W. JOHNSON, store manager, was born in Rockford February 11, 1905. His father, David Johnson, who was born in Rockford of Swedish parents, is a carpenter by trade. Clifford's mother, Augusta Johnson, came to America from Sweden in infancy. Clifford received his education in the public schools whereupon he entered employment as a salesman in clothing stores. For the last two years he has been manager of the Broadway E. & W. Clothing Store at 1136 Broadway. Mr. Johnson was married in 1929 to Josephine Meister of Franklin Grove, Ill., with whom he has a daughter, Beverly Jean, 12. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are affiliated with the Trinity Lutheran Church.

ARVID E. SKOOG, baker, was born in Hults parish, Jönköpings län, Sweden, June 20, 1893, and emigrated to America in 1913. Locating first at Dayton, Ia., he moved to Rockford in 1915, and worked a year in a factory, whereupon he entered the employ of Mary Anderson, owner of The Real Swedish Home Bakery, joining her in partnership in 1926. Upon Mary Anderson's death in 1934 Mr. Skoog became sole operator of the bakery, located at 920 Second avenue. Mr. Skoog is a member of the Odd Fellow lodge Tegner.

DR. ENOR GILBERT ANDERSON was born in St. Paul, Minn., September 26, 1902. His father, Algot Anderson, emigrated from Sweden to America about 50 years ago and located at St. Paul where he was active as a photographer. Gilbert's mother, Anna (Youngberg) Anderson, also a native of Sweden, died in 1927. Gilbert obtained his education in the city schools of St. Paul and McAllister College, graduting in 1924. Afterwards he studied medicine at the Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., obtaining his M. D. in 1928. He served as interne at the City and County Hospital in St. Paul and spent a year at the Buffalo City Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y. Afterwards he did post graduate work at the Children's Hospital, Denver, Colo. In September, 1931, he came to Rockford and started practice in this city. His office is located at 1029 Broadway. On October 15, 1931, Dr. Anderson was married to Marjory Smith, a graduate nurse from Buhl, Minn. They have two children, Jean, 6; and Paul Gilbert, 2. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and reside at 428 North Prospect street.

DAVID A. LODIN, grocer, was born in Rockford of Swedish parents September 2, 1887. His father, Bengt Aron Lodin, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the seventies and located in Rockford. After working in a corn starch factory and on farms at Pecatonica, Ill., until 1894 he moved to Rockford where he engaged in farming and truck gardening. He died in 1929. David's mother, Josephine Lodin, also from Västergötland, died in 1936. David received his education in the Rockford public schools. After being employed a while in a sewing machine factory he worked in meat shops until 1918 when he opened his own meat market, adding groceries in 1933. His store is located at 625 Seventh street. Mr. Lodin was married in 1909 to Judith Lindstedt from Västergötland, Sweden. They have two children, Laurel, 29, associated with his father in business; and Harriet, public school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Lodin are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

HENRY J. EKLUND, pattern maker, was born in Örkelljunga parish, Skåne, Sweden, April 1, 1891, and came to America in 1912, going direct to Rockford. After working in factories for some time he learned pattern making, and in 1936 opened the Acme pattern shop at 1905 Kishwaukee street in partnership with Harold Schad, now deceased. During the world war Mr. Eklund served in the army 1½ years. In 1937 he entered into marriage union with Kristina Bengtson from Gothenburg, Sweden. They have a daughter, Karin, two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Eklund are members of the Salem Lutheran Church.

DR. HAROLD G. ARFSTROM, osteopath, was born in Rockford June 30, 1910. His father, Ralph E. Arfstrom, who was born in Rockford of Swedish parents, is operating a plumbing shop in the city. Harold's mother, Linda Arfstrom, is a native of Missouri. Harold attended the city schools of Rockford and then studied osteopathy at the Chicago College of Osteopathy, graduating in 1934. The same year he started practice in Rockford, his office being located in 915 Rockford National Bank Building.

HERBERT E. ANDERSON, meat dealer, was born in New Boston, Mo., January 26, 1890. His father, Nels Alfred Anderson, emigrated to America from near Falköping, Sweden, in 1869. He located first in Chicago, but moved to Missouri after the great fire in 1871, and engaged in farming until his death in 1934. Herbert's mother, Johanna Anderson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, died in 1901. After attending the rural school Herbert took a course at the Teachers College, Kirksville, Mo., and then taught rural school for two years. In 1910 he obtained employment in the Armour office in Chicago, was transferred to Freeport, Ill., in 1914, and later transferred to Rockford and made branch house manager. In 1921 he joined Carl Danielson in partnership, opening the Danielson & Anderson Market at 1305 Broadway. They also conduct a wholesale business under the name of Agar Products. In 1925 Mr. Anderson was married to Ethel Helin of Rockford. They have a son, Rex, 20, a student at the Beloit College. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Viking lodge Baltic.

CARL DANIELSON, meat dealer, was born in Rockford June 19, 1893. His father, Gust Danielson, came to America from Ulricehamn, Västergötland, Sweden, in the early nineties. He was engaged in meat business and died here about ten years ago. Carl's mother, Hilda Danielson, also a native of Västergötland, Sweden, died in 1934. Carl received his education in the public school. In company with his parents he visited Sweden about 35 years ago. Afterwards he worked for his father till 1916 when he entered business with a partner. During the World War he served in the army 18 months. Returning to civil life, he opened a meat business on Seventh street in partnership with Oscar Lindstrom, but in 1921 sold out and joined Herbert E. Anderson, establishing the Danielson & Anderson Market at 1305 Broadway. Mr. Danielson was married in 1921 to Phyllis Layng of Rockford. He is a member of the Lyran Singing Society.

AXEL RICHARD WERNSTROM, baker, was born in Götlunda parish, Västergötland, Sweden, July 9, 1888, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1923, he came first to Chicago and later the same year to Rockford where he worked for other bakers. In 1928 he started business for himself under the name of Swedish Maid Bakery at 1532 Broadway. In 1916 Mr. Wernstrom entered into wedlock with Esther Anderson from Nor parish, Värmland. They have three daughters, Ingrid (Mrs. Harlan Mann); Brita (Mrs. Myron Perkins), residing at Belvidere, Ill.; and Barbara Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Wernstrom are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

CARL M. PEARSON, contractor, was born in Augerum parish, Blekinge, Sweden, Jan. 11, 1879, and came to America in 1899. Locating at Rockford he worked first on farms and in factories until taking up carpenter work about 36 years ago. Since 1920 he has been engaged in contracting, building mostly residences. He was married in 1905 to Anna Johnson from Västergötland, Sweden, with whom he has a daughter, Helen (Mrs. Lawrence Elander). Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are affiliated with the Bethesda Evangelical Church and reside at 1140 Third avenue.

DR. JOSEPH S. LUNDHOLM was born in Chicago June 4, 1891. His father, Victor Lundholm, a graduated druggist from Sweden, emigrated to America from Kalmar, Småland, in 1885 and located in Chicago where he was employed in drug stores until 1892 when he moved to Rockford. In 1893 he purchased a drug store in this city which he operated until his death in 1924. Joseph's mother, Alfrida (Virstedt) Lundholm, who came from Oscarshamn, Sweden, died in 1894. Joseph obtained his education in the public schools, High School and University of Illinois where he graduated in medicine in 1913, taking up practice in Rockford the same year. Dr. Lundholm was appointed Medical Director of the Rockford Municipal Sanitarium in 1915, serving one year, and has been Health Commissioner of Rockford for four years. During the World War he served in the army 15 months. In 1923 he took post graduate work in Germany, France, Sweden and England. He became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1922, and Fellow of the International College of Surgeons in 1940. His specialty is surgery with office in 425 East State st. In 1916 Dr. Lundholm was married to Lillian Lutzhoff of Rockford, of Danish parentage. They have been blessed with two children, Joseph, who died in 1927 at six years of age; and Carole Joanne, born in 1927.

O. L. CARLSTEDT, druggist, was born in Rockford December 29, 1905. His parents, John Martin Carlstedt and Charlotte Carlstedt, are still living in Rockford. O. L. Carlstedt received his early education in the public schools and High School of Rockford, afterwards studying pharmacy at the Des Moines University, Des Moines, Ia., graduating in 1926. After working in drug stores in Rockford until 1938 he went into partnership with C. S. Johnson, opening a drug store at Loves Park. In April, 1940, the firm opened a new drug store at 2213 East State street under the name of Rexall Drug Store which Mr. Carlstedt is conducting. Mr. Carlstedt is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

CARL S. JOHNSON, druggist, was born in Rockford in 1902 of Swedish parents. After attending the city schools he studied pharmacy at the Des Moines University, Des Moines, Ia., graduating in 1925. He then worked in drug stores in Rockford until 1938 when he went into partnership with O. L. Carlstedt. He is now operating the Rexall Drug Store at 5449 N. 2nd street, Loves Park.

HILDING P. NELSON, auto mechanic, was born in Espinge, Skåne, Sweden, March 1, 1891, and emigrated to America in June, 1906. He located first in Chicago where he was engaged as a mechanic, chauffeur and garage operator. From 1918 till 1920 he served in the motor transport corps of the army. In 1920 he located in Rockford and was engaged as a service man by Willis-Overland dealers for ten years. In 1929 he entered into partnership with Palmer B. Olson as proprietors of the Chestnut Auto Service at 417 Chestnut street. In 1918 Mr. Nelson was married to Gertrude Olson from Chicago, a native of Småland, Sweden. They have two children, Lorraine and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

PALMER B. OLSON, auto mechanic, was born in Chicago May 10, 1900. His father, Adolph Olson, came to Chicago from Bohuslän, Sweden, in 1875. He was a grocer and passed away in 1939. Palmer's mother, Olga Olson, who came from the same place in Sweden as her husband, is still living. Palmer grew up in Chicago, learned the automotive trade and was engaged as an auto mechanic in Chicago. In 1929 he came to Rockford and became a partner with Hilding O. Nelson in the Chestnut Auto Service at 417 Chestnut street. Mr. Olson was married in 1936 to Corrinne Anderson from Chicago with whom he has a son, Richard, 2½ years old.

RALPH A. HANSON, executive was born in Rockford July 8, 1893. His father, Andrew Hanson, who was born in Malmo, Sweden, came to America in the sixties and located in Rockford. He died October 31, 1939. Ralph's mother, Elizabeth Hanson, passed away October 9, 1940. Ralph was educated in the city schools whereupon he was engaged as a retail salesman for some time. In 1916 he went with the Rockford Dairies of which concern he is now secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hanson was married in 1914 to Carolyn Mudler of Chicago. They have been blessed with five children, Virginia (Mrs. C. R. Anderson); Lowell and Clifford, twins, born in 1918, the former a salesman, the latter employed by the Rockford Dairies; Ralph, Jr., born in 1922, employed by the Swedish American Bank; and Geraldine, who died November 25, 1938, at 15 years of age. Mr. Hanson is a member and trustee of the Bethesda Evangelical Church. The Rockford Dairies were started in 1910 and have grown to be the largest concern of its kind in the city. They now handle about 70,000 pounds of milk a day, and employ 110 people.

THURE W. SALGREN, coal dealer, was born in Rockford, Dec. 23, 1894. His father Carl W. Salgren, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1889. He located first in Pennsylvania, but moved to Rockford a year or two later. Here he worked as a millwright for the Greenlee Bros. Co. 23 years. Thure's mother, Carolina Salgren, also came from Västergötland. Thure was the second of nine children, all still living in Rockford. After attending the public school he was employed by the Thayer-Action Co. eight years and then worked as a carpenter for nine years. Since 1932 he has been conducting the General Coal Co. at 316 Seventh street. In 1934 Mr. Salgren was married to Mary Schlie of Rockford. They have a daughter, Theresia, 3½ years old. Mr. Salgren is a member of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson.

IVAR GOTTFRID PEARSON, meat dealer, was born in Ytterby parish, Bohuslän, Sweden, November 20, 1887, and emigrated to America in 1912. Locating in Rockford, he worked in factories until 1919 when he started work in meat markets. In 1921 he opened a meat market in partnership with John Sundberg. Ten years later the business was incorporated under the name of Pearson & Johnson, the store being located at 509 Seventh street. Mr. Pearson was married in 1915 to Edith Hoglund from Brålanda, Sweden. They have two sons, Roy, employed by Greenlee Bros. Mfg. Co.; and Kenneth, working with his father. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson and the S. M. & S. F. Society.

HELGE S. HAGG, auto mechanic, was born in Halmstad, Sweden, January 20, 1900, and came to America in 1904 with his parents. The family located at Graham, Mo., where the elder Hagg engaged in farming. In 1917 they moved to Wisconsin, continuing farming until 1926 when they came to Rockford. In this city Helge worked for the Mechanics Universal Joint Division for six years and was then employed by Roy's Auto Service from 1932 till 1939. In 1939 he opened the Hagg's Garage in the rear of 1322 Broadway where he is conducting a general auto repair shop. Mr. Hagg was married in 1930 to Ellen Westlund of Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Hagg are members of the Viking lodge Baltic. Mr. Hagg's father, Oscar Hagg, died in Wisconsin in 1922, but his mother, Alida Hagg, is still living in Rockford.

SVEN MANFRED FREEBERG, baker, a brother of Richard Knut Freeberg, above, was born in Norrköping, Sweden, November 17, 1902, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1926, he located first at Ottawa, Ill., where he spent three years with his brother, Nels Bertil Freeberg. Moving to Rockford in 1929, he worked for other bakers here a few months and then purchased his own bakery. In 1938 he opened the Swedish Home Bakery at 1006 East State street. Mr. Freeberg was married in 1928 to Martha Lindgren from Åtvidaberg, Östergötland. They have two children, Florence Ann, 11; and Richard Manfred, 7. Mr. Freeberg is a member of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson.

RICHARD KNUT FREEBERG, baker, was born in Norrköping, Östergötland, Sweden, November 17, 1898, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1922, he located first in Princeton, Ill., but moved the following year to Rockford where he worked for other bakers until 1925 when he started for himself. He is now operating the Lincoln Bakery at 1431 Charles street. In 1922 Mr. Freeberg entered into wedlock with Louise Viola Örnberg from Stockholm, Sweden. They have a daughter, Sandra, a year old. Mr. Freeberg is a member of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson, the Lyran Singing Society and the S. M. & S. F. Society.

DR. THORSTEN EMIL BLOMBERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blomberg, above, was born in Rockford April 25, 1900. After attending the public school and High School of Rockford he took a course at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1925, whereupon he studied medicine at the Rush Medical College, obtaining his M. D. in 1927. After practicing in Chicago as assistant to Dr. Austin A. Hayden three years he located in Rockford in 1931, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In 1931 he studied at Vienna, Austria, and in 1936 at Bordeaux, France. His office is located in the Swedish American National Bank Building. Dr. Blomberg is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and associate member of Chicago Laryngological and Otological Society. He is also a member of the Rock River Valley Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society and of the Illinois State Medical and the Winnebago County Medical Societies. In 1932 Dr. Blomberg was married to Georgia Wilsey of Chicago. They are members of the Evangelical Free Church and reside at 2322 East State street.

GUSTAF M. BERGQUIST, meat dealer, is a native of Rockford. His father, Gustaf A. Bergquist, came to Rockford from Sweden at two years of age. He was employed in a furniture factory and died in Rockford in 1917. His wife, Hilma S. Bergquist, who came from Småland, Sweden, is still living. Gustaf received his education in the public school and began working in butcher shops at 14. At the age of 21 he started his own business and is now operating a meat market at 1112 Broadway. In 1917 Mr. Bergquist was married to Anna S. Johnson of Rockford. They have two children, Clifford G., 20, associated with his father in business; and June Dolores, 16. Mr. Bergquist is a member and trustee of the Bethesda Evangelical Church.

JOHN FOLKE OSTRAND, baker, was born in Sala, Västmanland, Sweden, January 10, 1909, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1928, he located first in Rockford and worked for other bakers in Rockford and Chicago until 1937, when he purchased a bakery and began operations for himself. In June, 1939, he acquired the Freeberg Bakery at 1105 Second ave., which he has conducted since. On February 11, 1930, Mr. Ostrand was married to Violet Pollard of Rockford, their union being blessed with a daughter, Dona Jean, who died in infancy January 1, 1931. Mr. Ostrand is a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society.

SIGVARD HERMAN ROSANDER, realtor, was born in Åsheda parish, Kronobergs län, Sweden, June 2, 1909, and came to America with his parents in 1913, going direct to Rockford. Sigvard's father, Herman Rosander, has been engaged in the furniture industry. His mother's name is Ruth Rosander. Sigvard received his education in the public school, High School and Business College. After being engaged four years as an accountant he took up real estate business in 1935 and two years later opened his own office in 607 City Hall Bldg., under the name of Rosander Realty Co., handling Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, Insurance and Home Building.

ALBIN L. JOHNSON, justice, real estate dealer, was born in Rockford April 14, 1889. His father, Nels P. Johnson, came to America from Skåne, Sweden, in the early eighties. He located in Rockford where he has been active as a tailor. Albin's mother, Ingrid Johnson, is also a native of Skåne, Sweden. Albin obtained his education in the Rockford city schools and then engaged in clothing business until the World War. Since the war he has been active in real estate business. Mr. Johnson has served as Justice of the Peace since 1936. His office is located in 408 Rockford National Bank Bldg.

EMIL ELIAS BLOMBERG, contractor, was born in Askeby, Östergötland, September 21, 1862, and emigrated to America in 1888. He located first in Minnesota where he worked on a farm, but came to Rockford in 1890 and engaged in building operations in this city, erecting many hundred residences and a number of commercial buildings. He retired from active work ten years ago. In 1895 he was married to Emma Christina, nee Nelson, from Slattefors, Östergötland, Sweden, with whom he has a son, Dr. Thorsten Emil Blomberg. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blomberg are members of the Evangelical Free Church and reside at 2322 East State street.

AXEL A. LUNDINE, service station operator, was born in Hudene parish, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, June 26, 1876, and at the age of seven accompanied the family to America, the father, John Lundine, having emigrated two years before. The elder Lundine who was a farmer located ten miles south of Rockford, where he passed away in 1913. Axel's mother, Mary Lundine, died in 1933. After engaging in farm work until he was 26, Axel was employed by the Rockford Watch Co. for 13 years till the firm left the city whereupon he was associated with Varnie Anderson in Watch Supply business for 18 months and with the Barber Colman Co. as toolmaker for 16½ years. In 1932 he entered the automobile business as auto salesman, being thus engaged for three years. Since 1935 he has been operating the Lundine Super Service Station at Broadway and 10th street. In 1902 Mr. Lundine was married to Alice Lind of Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Lundine are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ALFRED J. SERVIN, service station operator, was born in Alfta parish, Gefleborgs län, Sweden, February 11, 1906, and came to America in 1925, locating first at Kewanee, Ill., where he spent a year working for construction companies and in Boiler works. Moving to Rockford in 1926, he was employed by the Rockford Peerless Furniture Co. until 1930. After spending a year visiting in his native land he returned to Rockford and entered the oil business in 1931. He is now operating the Cities Service Station at Sixth street and Broadway. In 1933 Mr. Servin was married to Harriett Bebe of Rockford. They have a son, Warren, six years old. Mr. Servin is a member of the Odd Fellow lodge Tegner.

EINAR NELSON, cement contractor, was born at Billingsfors, Dalsland, Sweden, November 30, 1894, and emigrated to America in 1913, reaching Rockford nine months later. After being employed in shops and at cement work about twelve years he engaged in cement contracting work in 1927. In 1922 he was married to Ingeborg Anderson from Karlstad, Värmland, Sweden. They have a daughter, Susanne, four years old. The family residence is located at 1631 17th avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Vega lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

ALBERT MATTSON, auto supply dealer, was born in Brålanda parish, Dalsland, Sweden, November 23, 1891, and came to America in 1909, locating in Rockford. After being employed in furniture factories some years he engaged in auto business about 16 years ago and is now, in association with his son Lloyd, conducting the Eleventh Street Auto Supply Co. at 1417 Eleventh Street. In 1914 Mr. Mattson was married to Anna Olson of Rockford with whom he has a son, Lloyd. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mattson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

LLOYD MATTSON, a son of Albert Mattson, above, was born in Rockford March 18, 1915, and grew up in Rockford, receiving his education in the public school and High School. In 1936 he bought out the partner of his father and became associated with his father in the auto supply business at 1417 Eleventh street. In 1936 Lloyd Mattson entered into marriage union with Audrey Larson of Rockford.

VICTOR SANDBERG, service station operator, was born in Persnäs parish, Öland, Sweden, November 24, 1895, a triplet. In 1915 he emigrated to America, going direct to Rockford where he was employed by the Rockford Cedar Furniture Co. six years and by the Greenlee Brothers 1½ years. Leaving Rockford in 1920, he was engaged during shorter periods in Chicago; Ladysmith, Wis.; and Minneapolis, Minn., but returned to Rockford in 1923 and again took up work for the Cedar Furniture Co., remaining with that concern until it ceased operation. Since 1939 Mr. Sandberg has operated a Cities Service Oil Station at 2332 Charles street. Mr. Sandberg was married February 6, 1923, to Amanda Borg from Almelund, Minn. They have three children, Doris, 17; Marjory, 12, and Roy, 10. Mr. Sandberg is a member of the Öland Club. His father who had emigrated to America as early as 1896 returned afterwards to Sweden and died there in 1939. A brother of Victor, John Axel Sandberg, is a Baptist minister in San Diego, Calif.

HAROLD O. STROM ("DIAMOND"), service station operator, was born in Rockford February 13, 1900. His father, Charles Strom, emigrated to America from Västergötland, Sweden, about 50 years ago. He has been employed as a moulder and is still living, now 69 years old. Harold's mother, Anna Strom, died in 1912. Harold obtained his education in the public school and was then employed in a furniture shop, becoming superintendent of the shop. From 1930 till 1932 he worked for the Standard Oil Co. In 1933 he started business for himself as operator of the Sinclair Station at 902 East State street. Mr. Strom was married in 1927 to Lucy Dorsey from Kentucky, their union being blessed with a daughter, Donna Joan, who died in infancy.

CLIFFORD O. NELSON, service station operator, was born at Jamestown, N. Y., December 24, 1903. His father, Frank Oscar Nelson, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, in the later eighties. He was superintendent of a furniture factory for 40 years, but is now retired. Cliff's mother, Anna Nelson, is also a native of Småland. Cliff grew up in Jamestown and received his education in the public school and High School. He came to Rockford 12 years ago and engaged in oil business, having for the last nine years operated a service station at 11th and Charles streets. In 1926 Mr. Nelson entered into marriage union with Effie Weese of Buffalo, N. Y., with whom he has two children, Alvin, 13, and Briden, 12.

BERTEL L. PETERSON, lathing contractor, was born in Rockford January 16, 1904. His father, Theodore Peterson, came to America from Öland, Sweden, about 1890, and was engaged here as a lathing contractor, passing away in 1938. Bertel's mother, Hanna Peterson, who came from Skåne, Sweden, is still living. Bertel received his education in the public school and High School and learned the trade from his father, himself taking up contracting later. He was married in 1926 to Gladys Westerlund of Rockford. They have three children, Joanne A., 14; Theodore A., 10; and Daniel, 5. Mr. Peterson resides at 1007 20th street and is a member of Lyran Singing Society, S. M. & S. F. Club and the Öland Society.

MARTIN LUNDIN, service station operator, was born on a farm near Milford, Ill., June 9, 1886. His father, John Lundin, emigrated to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1880. He engaged in farming and passed away in 1914. Martin's mother, Mary, also a native of Sweden, died in 1934. Martin spent his early years on the farm, first in Illinois and then in Wisconsin. In 1910 he came to Rockford and was employed as a chauffeur by the Nelson family four years and by W. T. Woodruff another four years. Afterwards he was in charge of the Safety Vaults of the Rockford National Bank for 18 years. Since 1939 he has been operating a Texaco Service Station at 225 Kishwaukee street. Mr. Lundin was married in October, 1913, to Mary Bremer of Cherry Valley, Ill. They have a son, Donald, 26, pharmacist at Elgin, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lundin are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

RUDOLPH EKSTROM, service station operator, was born on a farm near Sycamore, Ill., June 11, 1899. His father, Charles Ekstrom, emigrated to America from Småland, Sweden, in 1886, and located first at Cortland, Ill. He devoted himself to farming, passing away in 1923. Rudolph's mother, Jennie Ekstrom, who came from Kronobergs län, Sweden, now resides at Rockford. Rudolph obtained his education in the public school and High School. In 1926 he came to Rockford where he worked in furniture factories. Since 1929 he has been engaged in oil business and is now operating the Texaco Station at Prospect and Rural streets. Mr. Ekstrom was married in 1933 to Evelyn Turner from Stockton, Ill. They are blessed with a pair of twin boys, Gordon and Norman, 5 years old.

GEORGE F. GRIP, plastering contractor, was born in Rockford August 10, 1892. His father, Frans O. Grip, who emigrated to America from Östergötland, Sweden, the same year that George was born, has been engaged as a mason and plastering contractor. He is still living, now 78 years old. George's mother, Josephine Grip, a native of Småland, Sweden, passed away in 1937. George received his education in the city schools of Rockford and then took up his father's line of work. He is now associated with his two brothers, Carl and Reuben, under the name of Grip Brothers, Plastering Contractors. In 1917 Geo. F. Grip was married to Mabel Anderson of Rockford. They have a son, John Arthur, 10 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Grip are members of the Temple Baptist Church and reside at 325 James avenue.

OTTO WILHELM SWANSON, restaurateur, was born in Bäckebo parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, March 29, 1883, and came to America in 1900 direct to Rockford. After learning the wood carving trade he worked in Chicago and many other places making Chicago his chief stopping place. In 1939 he entered the restaurant business in Rockford where he is now operating the South Park Cafe at 1242 Broadway. He was married in 1918 to Ellen Nelson of Chicago, born in America of Swedish parents. They have been blessed with three children, Arnold who died October 20, 1933, at eleven years of age; Herbert, 15; and Louise, 12. Mr. Swanson is a member of the following Chicago clubs and lodges: Irving Park Svithiod lodge, Viking lodge Brage No. 2, and the Harmony Singing Club.

VERNIE E. BERGSTROM, hardware dealer, was born in Rockford February 15, 1899. His father, Carl Axel Bergstrom, emigrated to America from Humla parish, Västergötland, Sweden, in 1882 and located in Rockford. He was first employed by the Union Furniture Co. and afterwards in various other furniture factories, passing away here in 1932. Vernie's mother, Charlotta A. Bergstrom, also from Västergötland, died in 1909. After attending the public school Vernie joined the Navy in September, 1917, and served as a machinist mate of Naval Aviation for two years. Returning to civil life he was employed as a travelling salesman for a number of years. In March, 1926, he entered the hardware business, opening a store at 5424 North Second street which he is now conducting. In 1922 Mr. Bergstrom was married to Adele Fagerstrom of Rockford. They have a son, Vernie Emil, Jr., 14 years old. Mr. Bergstrom was one of the organizers of the United States Navy Club and served as Commandant of the Navy Club of Rockford in 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

HAROLD E. HANSTROM, service station operator, was born in Rockford March 23, 1912. His father, Roy Hanstrom, was born in Boone county, Ill., of Swedish parents. He was employed in a factory and died in 1939. Harold's mother, Mamie Hanstrom, who came from Östergötland, Sweden, is still living at Rockford. Harold grew up in Rockford and obtained his education in the city schools. After working in grocery stores and furniture factories he entered the oil business in 1940 and is now operating the Hanstrom Service Station at 601 Kishwaukee street. Mr. Hanstrom was married in 1937 to Corinne Johnson of Rockford with whom he has a daughter, Charlene, 3 years old.

ROY W. MALM, auto mechanic, was born in Rockford July 13, 1908. His father, Joseph Malm, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1902, and is employed by the Street Department. Roy's mother, Anna Malm, is also a native of Västergötland, Sweden. The family spent 15 years on a farm in Minnesota and Roy learned the truck business at Clarkfield, Minn. In 1926 they returned to Rockford where Roy took up auto business, starting for himself in 1933. He is now conducting Roy Malm's Garage at 1436 Third avenue. In 1934 Mr. Malm was married to Gladys Hallen of Rockford. They have two children, Karin, 4½, and David, born 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Malm are members of the First Lutheran Church.

ADOLPH W. CARLSON, painting contractor, was born in Kungslena parish, Västergötland, Sweden, June 21, 1885, and learned painting in his native land. In 1909 he came to America, locating first in Rockford, having since been active as a painter in Chicago, San Francisco and Rockford. For the last 25 years he has been operating for himself in Chicago and Rockford. In 1914 he was married to Anna Larson from Borås, Sweden, who died in 1922, leaving three children, Henry, 26, and George, 25, both working with their father; and Marguerite, a twin sister of George. In 1923 Mr. Carlson entered into wedlock the second time with Esther Wilson from Tidaholm, Västergötland. Mr. Carlson is a member of the Viking Ellida Lodge.

CARL J. LINQUIST, painting contractor, was born in Pecatonica, Ill., April 17, 1876. His father, Peter Lindquist, emigrated to America from Östergötland, Sweden, in the early seventies. After engaging in farming at Pecatonica for some years he moved to Rockford in 1891 and entered the milk business, passing away here about 30 years ago. Carl's mother, Augusta Lindquist, also a native of Sweden, died about 25 years ago. After learning the painter's trade Carl took up contracting and also operated a paint store on Seventh street for 31 years. Disposing of the store two years ago he has since devoted himself to contracting only. In 1900 Mr. Linquist was married to Clara Johnson of Rockford. They have been blessed with three children, Hazel, who died in 1917 at 16 years of age; Everett, who was taken by death in 1913 at the age of 8; and Raymond, 37, associated with his father in business. Mr. and Mrs. Linquist are members of the Salem Lutheran Church and reside at 317 Shaw street.

ERIC E. CARLSON, service station operator, was born in Mörlunda parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, October 20, 1893, and came to America in 1910. After engaging in farming in South Dakota for a year he came to Rockford in 1911 and worked in factories here till 1916 whereupon he operated a milk route for 12 years. In 1928 he entered the oil business and is now operating the Carlson Service Station at 228 North 1st street. Mr. Carlson was married in 1916 to Ingeborg Milton of Rockford. They have a son, Rodney, 23, who assists his father at the Service Station. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Vasa lodge Elvira and the Småland Club.

ERIC F. JOHNSON, painting contractor, was born in Engelholm, Sweden, October 30, 1889, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1914, he came first to Omaha, Nebr., and from there to Stanton, Ia., where he remained about a year. In 1915 he came to Rockford, and after working for others for a number of years started for himself in 1926. Mr. Johnson was married in 1919 to Ellen Johnson from Linköping, Sweden. They have two children, Fern, 19, (Mrs. R. Nelson) and Glenn 14. The family residence is located at 2311 15th avenue.

EDWIN JOHNSON, service station operator, was born in Högby parish, Öland, Sweden, September 29, 1904, and came to America in 1923 and located in Rockford where he was employed as truck driver for five years. In 1930 he entered the oil business and is now operating the Texaco Oil station at 2331 Charles street. Mr. Johnson was married in 1928 to Bernice Peterson of Rockford. They have two children, Mavis, 10, and Terry, 5. Mr. Johnson is a member of the John Ericsson lodge of the Independent Order of Svithiod.

CHAS. H. CARLSON, grocer, was born in Åsbo parish, Östergötland, Sweden, October 13, 1877, and emigrated to America in 1896. Locating in Chicago he worked first for an uncle who was a house mover and remained in that city 25 years. In 1921 he came to Rockford where he was employed as a cabinet maker. In 1927 he bought a grocery store at 2134 Charles street which he is now conducting. Mr. Carlson was married in 1911 to Ruth Hemming, a native of England.

ENOCH LINDEN, grocer, was born in Rockford April 23, 1923. His father, Peter Linden, came to America from Skåne, Sweden, in 1888 and located in Rockford where he was employed in furniture work. He died in 1937. Enoch's mother, Hanna Linden, also from Skåne, is still living. Enoch received his education in the public school and began grocery work as a boy. In 1923 he associated himself with Patrick Olson in the firm Olson & Linden. Mr. Olson died October 1, 1940, and Mr. Linden is now operating the store at 1538 Broadway. In 1914 Mr. Linden was married to Nellie Ryberg of Rockford. They have three daughters, Virginia, a teacher in the public school at Clifton, Ill.; Lucile, attending Rockford College; and Junita, in high school.

CLARENCE LARSON ("KELLY"), meat dealer, was born in Rockford in 1897 of Swedish parents. His father, Gust Larson, who came from Northern Sweden, was a furniture worker and passed away here in 1936. His mother's name is Elizabeth Larson. Clarence was educated in the public schools and then entered the meat business. On May 10, 1919, he started business for himself and now operates the Kelly's Cash Market at 1132 Broadway. In October, 1922, Mr. Larson was married to Ruth Carlson with whom he has three children, Clarice, Janet and Karen. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the Temple Baptist Church.

GUST R. WIESLAND, plastering contractor, was born in Vislanda, Småland, Sweden, June 6, 1901, and emigrated to America in 1920, locating first at Cherokee, Ia., where he farmed 2½ years. Coming to Rockford in 1923 he learned the plasterer's trade and in 1930 started contracting for himself. In 1937 he entered into partnership with Gunnar Johnson under the name of Johnson & Wiesland. Mr. Wiesland was married in 1940 to Caroline Johnson from Småland, Sweden, and resides at 1134 Revell street. He is a member of the Viking lodge Ellida, the S. M. & S. F. Club and the Baner lodge of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America.

HERMAN OLSON, service station operator, was born in Vingåker parish, Södermanland, Sweden, April 30, 1898, and came to America in 1923, locating in Rockford. After working in factories till 1930 he made a trip to his native land and upon his return to Rockford the following year took up oil business, being now operator of the Olson Texaco Station at 1826 Seventh street. In 1924 Mr. Olson entered into marriage union with Ingeborg Victoria Peterson from Västmanland, Sweden. They are members of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America.

GÖSTA B. NORIN, painter, was born in Södra Sallerup parish, Malmöhus län, Sweden, September 18, 1896, learned his trade in Malmö, and engaged in painting in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1929, he located in Rockford and was employed five years by Carl Stromberg. In 1934 he started contracting for himself. While in Malmö, Sweden, he entered into wedlock in 1922 with Linnea Svenson. They have a daughter, Brita, employed in the office of Max Weston, Assistant States Attorney. Mr. Norin is a member of the Vasa Junior Club New Sweden and the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson.

GUSTAF ADOLPH EDSTROM, building contractor, was born in Hartford, Conn., January 27, 1874. His father, Carl Edstrom, came to America from Dalsland, Sweden, in 1873 and located in Hartford, but returned to Sweden after seven years. In 1889 he again crossed the ocean and two years later came to Rockford where he worked at his trade as a tailor, passing away here in 1910. Gustaf's mother, Anna Sophia Edstrom, also from Dalsland, Sweden, died in May 1941, at 90 years of age. Gustaf Adolph came to Rockford in 1903 and worked here as a carpenter until 1907 when he started contracting. In 1898 he entered into wedlock with Alma Josephson from Småland, Sweden, who died in 1913, leaving three children, Francis, a dentist in Rockford; Edith, and Myrtle (Mrs. Willard Anderson). In 1917 Mr. Edstrom was married the second time to Frida Johnson from Östergötland, Sweden, with whom he has a son, Carl, 22, a student at the University of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Edstrom are members of the Tabernacle Church and reside at 1212 Parmelee street.

FRANCIS B. EDSTROM, dentist, a son of Gustaf Adolph Edstrom, above, was born in Hartford, Conn., December 9, 1899, and came with the family to Rockford in 1903. After attending the Rockford public school and High School he studied at Beloit College a year and then took a dental course at the Dental College of Northwestern University, graduating in 1932. After graduation he started dental practice in Rockford where he is now located in 604 City Hall Building.

CARL A. GUSTAFSON, oil station operator, was born in Marengo, Ill., March 7, 1893. His father, Charley Gustafson, who came from Stockholm, Sweden, and was engaged in farming, died 26 years ago. Carl's mother, Agnes Gustafson, also a native of Sweden, now resides at Delavan, Wis., having reached the age of 80 years. Carl grew up at Marengo and came to Rockford in 1916, working here as a machinist. In 1921 he left Rockford and engaged in farming at Kingston four years. After farming near Rockford 13 years he again moved into the city and in 1939 took over a Standard Oil Station at 2220 Charles street. During the World War Mr. Gustafson served in the army 1914-1916. He was married July 23, 1916, to Nona Phelps from Ohio. They have two children, Isabelle (Mrs. C. Hanson), and Chadwick, employed by the American Cabinet Hardware Corporation.

OSCAR E. CARLSON, shingle roofer, was born in Rockford January 25, 1897. His father, Andrew Carlson, came to America from Småland, Sweden, in the fifties and was employed as a polisher by the Eclipse Stove Works. He died in 1925. Oscar's mother, Mary Carlson, who came from Karlstad, Sweden, died in 1940. Oscar obtained his education in the public school and High School. In 1912 he took up roofing work and has been engaged in shingle roofing as a contractor for 21 years. During the World War he served in the army for 3½ years whereof nine months in Europe, a year in the Hawaiian Islands, a year on the Mexican border and three months in Siberia. Mr. Carlson was married in 1933 to Evelyn Bergholt of Rockford. They have two children, Jack (stepson), 15, and Dennie, 18 months. Mr. Carlson is a member of the American Legion.

CARL S. ANDREWS, meat dealer, was born in Börstig parish, Västergötland, Sweden, December 20, 1890, and emigrated to America in 1909, going direct to Rockford. After working six years for the Skandia Furniture Co. and two years on a farm he entered the meat business and opened his own meat market in 1913. Two years later he went on a trip to his native land, and upon his return from Sweden worked three years for Lundquist & Anderson. In 1918 Mr. Andrews opened a meat market at 1535 Broadway, becoming associated with Mr. Kjellstrom in 1921. In 1917 Mr. Andrews was married to Amy Hoglund from Kansas who passed away in 1920 leaving a son, Armour, 22, a graduate of Wheaton College. In 1922 Mr. Andrews was married again to Edith Bergbom from Chicago, their union being blessed with a daughter, Betty Ann, 10. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

CARL A. KJELLSTROM, meat dealer, was born in Mariestad, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, June 17, 1894, and emigrated to America in 1913, stopping first at Trenton, N. Y., but going on to Rockford the same year. He was first engaged as an electrician, but in 1914 entered the meat business, being employed by Conrad F. Hallen for six years. During the World War he served in the army, being abroad for 13 months. After working for Carl S. Andrews a year he bought into the company, now known as Andrews & Kjellstrom, 1536 Broadway. In 1921 Mr. Kjellstrom was married to Mildred Hallen of Rockford. They have two children, Richard, 19, and Marcelle, 16.

OSCAR J. LANDQUIST, manufacturer, was born in Åsle parish, Västergötland, Sweden, August 31, 1882, and came to America with his mother in 1890, his father having emigrated five years before. They located in Rockford where the father, William Landquist, was engaged as a carpenter and builder. He died in 1934, his wife, Mathilda Landquist, having passed away two years earlier. Oscar grew up in Rockford, and obtained his education in the public school, whereupon he was employed in factories. In 1917 he organized the L-T-L Tool Co. for manufacturing special tools and small machinery with shops located at 1320 Woodruff avenue. Mr. Landquist was married 35 years ago to Della Larson of Rockford. They have two children, Fletcher, 33, associated with his father in business, and Irene (Mrs. Robert Bolander), residing at Burlington, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Landquist are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

RUDOLPH SUNDQUIST, painting contractor, was born in Kalix, Norrbottens län, Sweden, and emigrated to America in 1906, locating first in Michigan where he learned the painter's trade. In 1909 he came to Rockford where he has been engaged in contracting for the last 14 years. In 1906 Mr. Sundquist was married to Hanna Maria Carlson from Kalix, Norrbotten, who died in 1919 leaving a son, Rudolph Herbert, that passed away in 1930 at eleven years of age. In 1920 Mr. Sundquist was married the second time to Hilda Anderson from Malmö, Sweden. The family residence is located at 1012 13th street. Mr. and Mrs. Sundquist are members of the Bethany Methodist Church, Mr. Sundquist having been treasurer of the Church for nine years.

C. LEONARD OLSON, masseur, was born in Dunnell, Minn., July 17, 1897. His father, Ola Olson, came to America from Skåne, Sweden, in the later seventies. He lived in Des Moines, Ia., for some time and then located on a farm at Triumph, Minn., where he is still living, now 75 years old. Leonard's mother, Hilda Olson, came from Västergötland, Sweden. Leonard attended public school and High School and remained on the farm until 20 years of age. Afterwards he farmed for himself for eight years. In 1928 he moved to Rockford where he worked in factories for ten years. After considerable private study he took a course in the College of Swedish Massage in Chicago in 1938 and the following year started practice. He is now operating Olson's Bath & Massage at 1139 Broadway, making a specialty of massage. Mr. Olson was married in 1919 to Minnie Carlson of Triumph, Minn., who passed away in 1928, leaving two sons, Harold, 20, machinist with Barber-Colman, and Martin, 14, at school. In 1930 Mr. Olson was married the second time to Inez Johnson from Pocatello, Idaho, with whom he has a daughter, Evelyn, 7 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

HARRY A. JOHNSON, banker, was born in Rockford June 22, 1893. His father, August Johnson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1888 and located first at Cherry Valley, Ill., where he worked on a farm. In the early nineties he moved to Rockford where he was employed as a cooper with the Forbes Co. He is now living on a farm at Cherry Valley. Harry's mother, Emma Carolina Johnson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, at nine years of age. Harry grew up on the farm at Cherry Valley. In January, 1916, he started work at the Third National Bank in Rockford. During the World War he served in the Navy seven months. He became cashier of the bank March 1, 1934. Mr. Johnson was married May 12, 1020, to Lila B. Williams of Belvidere, Ill.

SWAN J. JOHNSON, plastering contractor, was born in Jungs parish, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, November 26, 1882, and came to America in 1901, locating in Rockford. After being employed in the shops as a moulder for about 16 years he started work as a plasterer For the last 17 years he has been operating for himself as a contractor. His home is located at 207 Carbaugh street. In 1911 Mr. Johnson was married to Florence Cole of Rockford who passed away in 1934, leaving four children, Howard, 28, employed in a lumber yard; Evelyn, manager of Princes Ice Cream Castle; Viola and Greta, both attending school.

CLAUDE W. SWANSON, painting contractor, was born in Ringamåla parish, Blekinge, Sweden, April 18, 1908, and emigrated to America in 1926, going direct to Rockford. After working in a furniture factory two years he learned painting, working for H. C. Peterson four years and in partnership with Mr. Peterson for another four years. In 1939 he started contracting for himself. His residence is located at 1203 15th avenue. In 1932 Mr. Swanson was married to Agnes Anderson of Rockford with whom he has a son, Donald, born July 2, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are members of the Temple Baptist Church.

LLOYD H. LARSON, poultry and egg dealer, was born in Rockford December 4, 1908. His father, Oscar Larson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, at the age of twelve. The family located first on a farm at Pecatonica, Ill., but later moved to Rockford where the elder Larson was employed as shipping clerk by the Mechanic Furniture Co. for 18 years and by the Rockford Transfer Co. for 25 years. He died in 1937. Lloyd's mother, Kate Larson, a native of Germany, died in 1919. Lloyd received his education in the Rockford city schools and was then employed by Greenlee Brothers three years and by a Body and Fender shop five years. In 1930 he started the Poultry and Egg business which he is now conducting at 430 Pearl avenue, Loves Park. Mr. Larson was married in 1926 to Gladys Stockwell of Rockford. They have two children, Gerold, 13, and Gene, 11.

ANDREW JOHNSON, grocer, was born in Traryd parish, Kronobergs län, Sweden, November 23, 1858, and came to America in 1879, locating first in Chicago whence he moved to Rockford two years later. A cabinet maker from Sweden, he worked for the Forest City Furniture Co. for ten years. Afterwards he was in the milk business 8½ years, worked as a carpenter and was employed in the Haddorff Piano factory. Entering the grocery business 38 years ago he is still, in association with his two sons, Irving and Vernon, operating a grocery store at 1323 Broadway. In 1884 Mr. Johnson was married to Hilda Thompson from Värmland, Sweden. They have been blessed with five children, Esther (Mrs. W. L. Dorr); Alice, who died in February, 1941, at nearly 53; Irving, 44, associated with his father in business; Ethel (Mrs. David Anderson); and Vernon, 36, associated with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Bethany Methodist Church.

AXEL R. NELSON, florist, was born in Växiö, Småland, Sweden, May 17, 1879, and came to America with parents in 1882. The family located in Rockford. Axel's father, Henry Nelson, was engaged in florist business. His mother's name was Dorothea Nelson. Axel grew up in Rockford and received his education in the public school, afterwards being employed as a cigar maker and coremaker. Eighteen years ago he entered the florist business which he is now conducting in association with his two sons at 6232 N. Second street. In 1897 Mr. Nelson was married to Julia Andrew of Rockford who passed away January 17, 1937, leaving two sons, Robert, 40, and Charles, 27, both associated with their father in business. Mr. Nelson, senior, is a member of Svea Söner.

HERBERT OLSON, mason contractor, was born in Rockford April 27, 1891. His father Peter Olson, a mason contractor, came to America from Öland, Sweden, in the eighties and still resides in Rockford. Herbert's mother, Jennie Olson, came from Gothenburg, Sweden. Herbert grew up in Rockford and obtained his education in the public school. At fifteen he started work with his father, and about thirteen years ago commenced contracting for himself. In 1925 he entered wedlock with Josephine Lauer of Spring Valley, Ill. Their family residence is located at 540 Lawn Drive, Loves Park.

CARL A. SUNDSTRAND, manufacturer, was born in Rockford August 6, 1887. His father, Lars G. Sundstrand, came to America from Stockholm, Sweden, in 1880. A carpenter from Sweden, he was engaged as a building contractor in Rockford and died here in 1929. Carl's mother, Anna C. Sundstrand, also from Stockholm, Sweden, died in 1931. An elder brother of Carl, David Sundstrand, became famous as the inventor of the Sundstrand Adding Machine, first produced in Rockford in 1911. He died in 1930. Another brother, Oscar Sundstrand, associated with David in his enterprise, went east with the Underwood Elliot Fisher Co. when that concern bought out the Sundstrand Adding Machine Co. in 1925. Carl Sundstrand has been engaged in manufacturing household articles and is now president and manager of the Metwood Co., located at 1229 Broadway Court. In 1916 Carl Sundstrand was married to Alice Swanson of Rockford. They have two daughters, Kathryn, a teacher of the Kishwaukee Consolidated Schools, and Phyllis, employed by the Commercial Mortgage and Finance Co. Mr. and Mrs. Sundstrand are members of the Bethesda Covenant Church.

HELGE C. PETERSON, painting contractor, was born in Visby, Gotland, Sweden, November 9, 1890, and learned his trade in Kalmar, Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1912, he located first in Cedar Rapids, Ia., later residing in Tulsa, Okla., and Peru, Ill., in which city he started contracting in 1915. In March, 1927, he came to Rockford where he is now residing at 1734 Broadway. In 1921 Mr. Peterson entered into wedlock with Hulda Zander from Mörtfors, Kalmar län, Sweden. They are blessed with twin daughters, Gladys Evelyn, employed by the American Cabinet Hardware Corporation, and Grace Elaine, employed by the National Lock Co. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Temple Baptist Church and the Vasa lodge Brahe.

AXEL REUBEN CARLSON, paint dealer, was born in Jönköpings län, Sweden, December 18, 1887, and emigrated to America in 1909. Locating in Rockford, he worked in furniture factories 20 years and engaged in farming for 16 years. Since 1930 he has been engaged as a paint dealer, having been for the last two years proprietor of the Perfect Products Co. at 1101 Seminary street, dealing in Paints, Enamels and Varnishes and supplying factory materials. Mr. Carlson was married in 1912 to Sally Larson from Eksjö, Småland, Sweden. They have two children, Sigrid (Mrs. Robert Tenney), residing in Chicago, and Warren Leighton, 25, employed in the office of the National Lock Co.

ERIC W. ERICSON, contractor, was born in Skällvik parish, Västergötland, Sweden, May 24, 1892, and emigrated to America in 1917. He located first in Philadelphia where he worked as a carpenter four years. Moving then to Illinois he spent some time in Pecatonica and Freeport whereupon he came to Rockford in 1921. After being employed in factories two years he started contracting in 1923. Mr. Ericson was married in 1928 to Agnes Hogland of Rockford. They have three children, Stanton, 12; Marjory, 10; and John, 8. Mr. Ericson is a member of the Evangelical Free Church and the Gideon Society, and resides at 719 Rome avenue.

EMIL C. TRANER, manufacturer, was born in Rockford, August 19, 1876. His father, Nels P. Traner, was born in Sweden September 22, 1842, and emigrated to America from Karlshamn, Blekinge. Locating in Rockford he was engaged as a moulder and died here March 25, 1912. Emil's mother, Sofia Traner, also from Karlshamn, Sweden, was born June 18, 1845, and passed away February 18, 1928. Emil received his education in the Rockford city schools whereupon he entered the manufacturing business. For eight years he was connected with the Free Sewing Machine Co. and for 16 years with the National Lock Co. In 1916 he went with the Rockford Drilling Machine Co., of which he is now President and Manager, this company having since 1929 been associated with the Borg-Warner Corporation under the name of Rockford Drilling Machine Division. Since 1936 Mr. Traner is also President and General Manager of the Mechanics Universal Joint Division of the Borg-Warner Corporation. In 1899 Mr. Traner entered into marriage union with Emma Hannblom of Rockford. They have a daughter, Lillian, who has been engaged in the business office of the Rockford College for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Traner are charter members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ERNEST R. EKSTROM was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, Aug. 12, 1885, and emigrated to America in 1893. After being employed in the Rockford factories for many years he served for 16 years as superintendent of the Universal Joint Division of the Mechanics Universal Joint Co. Since 1931 he has been operating the Ekstrom Machine & Tool Sales in the Rockford News Tower. Mr. Ekstrom was married in 1913 to Vera Ellison of Rockford. They have two sons, Dayton, 26, tool engineer with the Atwood Vacuum Machine Co.; and Richard, 20, attending the Illinois Institute of Technology. Mr. Ekstrom has been a member of the Svea Söner Singing Society since 1905.

GUST O. JOHNSON, painting contractor, was born in Järstad parish, Dalsland, Sweden, October 5, 1885, and emigrated to America in 1904, locating first in Pennsylvania. Moving to Rockford in 1907, he worked in factories as a finisher till 1913. In 1914 he started work for himself as a painter and decorator. Mr. Johnson was married in 1909 to Amanda Carlson from Småland, Sweden. They have been blessed with five children, Marguerite (Mrs. O. G. Larsen); Dagmar, employed by the City Welfare; Bertel, a draftsman with Greenlee Brothers; Ruth (Mrs. L. Arthur Madsen), and Philip, attending High School. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Evangelical Free Church and reside at 115 S. London ave.

OSCAR F. CARLSON, painting contractor, was born near Tidaholm, Västergötland, Sweden, January 18, 1891, and emigrated to America in 1909, locating at Rockford. After working a while for other painters he started contracting for himself in 1915. Mr. Carlson was married July 15, 1911, to Bertha Johnson from Jönköping, Småland. They have two sons, Clemens, 27, working with his father, and Evert, 24, employed in a machine shop in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Evangelical Free Church and reside at 532 Rome avenue.

FRED A. SWENSON, ex-journalist, was born in Stora Ekeby, Västmanland, Sweden, May 8, 1869, the family later removing to Eksjö, Småland, and from there to Jönköping where Fred attended the City College for nearly seven years. In 1886 he emigrated to America, locating in Rockford where he learned printing and worked for "Rockfords-Posten" for three years. After taking a course in English and Shorthand he became associated with C. F. Erickson in the publishing of "Framtiden" and later a partner in a small printing shop. In 1894 Mr. Swenson went to Los Angeles, Calif., but returned to Illinois the following year and obtained employment as bookkeeper and proofreader in Rockford and Chicago. From 1905 till 1916 he served periodically as editor and manager of "Rockfords-Posten," spending shorter intervals during 1908 and 1909 with "Svenska Kuriren" in Chicago and "Kansas City Tribunen" in Kansas City. After severing his connection with "Rockfords-Posten" he was engaged as agent for the Mutual Trust Insurance Co. for two years and after the World War published a monthly magazine, The Reflector, for some two years. Since 1922 Mr. Swenson has been secretary and manager of the Associated Industries of Rockford with office in 404 City Hall Bldg. In 1899 Mr. Swenson entered into wedlock with Elna Björklund from Umeå, Norrbotten, Sweden. They are blessed with three children, Carl A., attorney; Clinton F., manager of Rockford Stoker Sales; and Tranceita, secretary to her father.

MAGNUS ELMBLADE, cleaner, was born in Söderala parish, Hälsingland, Sweden, August 4, 1906, and emigrated to America in 1926, locating first in Chicago. Moving to Rockford the same year, he was employed in furniture factories here as a hand carver until 1940, when he started a Rug and Upholstery Cleaning establishment which he is now conducting at 904 Brodway, Mr. Elmblade being the only exclusive rug and upholstery cleaner in the city. In May, 1934, Mr. Elmblade was married to Doris Johnson of Rockford. They are blessed with two boys, Dennis, 4; and James, born in November, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Elmblade are members of the Swedish Philadelphia Church.

ALARIK NILSON, plastering contractor, was born in Högby parish, Öland, Sweden, May 19, 1904. His father being a mason he learned the trade from him. In 1928 he emigrated to America and located in Rockford where he took up the plastering trade and is now engaged as a plastering contractor, his home and office being located at 834 Nineteenth street.

STURE R. SAMUELSON, painter, was born in Algotsboda parish, Kronobergs län, Sweden, May 16, 1903, and learned painting in his native land. In 1927 he came to America where he located at Rockford. After working for other contractors he started for himself in 1931 and associated himself with Axel Skogsberg in 1933. Together they opened a Paint and Wall Paper store in April 1941, at 1229 Broadway, which they are now operating in conjunction with their contracting business. Mr. Samuelson was married in 1936 and has a daughter, Sally Ann, 4 years old. He is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church and the Vasa lodge Hilding.

AXEL SKOGSBERG, painter, was born in Brålanda, Dalsland, Sweden, June 8, 1903, and learned painting in Sweden. In 1925 he emigrated to America, locating first in Minneapolis, Minn., whence he moved to Rockford the following year, having since been engaged in painting in this city. Associating himself with Sture Samuelson they opened a Paint and Wall Paper store in April, 1941, located at 1229 Broadway. Mr. Skogsberg was married in 1937 to Virginia Freberg of Rockford. They are members of the Good Templar lodge Vega.

ARVID C. GUSTAFSON, manufacturer, was born in Varberg, Halland, Sweden, January 29, 1892, and emigrated to America in 1913. Locating in Rockford, he worked in factories until 1939 when he associated himself with Arvid T. Oberg under the name of Gustafson & Oberg and engaged in tool manufacturing. Their shop is located at 1115 Sixth street. In 1920 Mr. Gustafson was married to Ingeborg Tegner from Öland, Sweden. They have a son, Paul, 19, who is working with his father.

WALTER HAROLD JOHNSON, masseur, was born in Minneapolis, Minn., April 18, 1907. His father, Axel Johnson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in 1904, was located in Elgin, Ill., two years and came to Rockford in 1906, being engaged in furniture business. Walter's mother, Anna Johnson, is a native of Småland, Sweden, After attending the Rockford public school and High School Walter took a course at the College of Massage and Physiotherapy in Chicago and the College of Swedish Massage in the same city, graduating in 1938. The same year he started practicing in Rockford, being now located at 408 City Hall Bldg. In 1928 Mr. Johnson was married to Veda O. Elliott of Rockford.

AXEL H. SWENSON, mason contractor, was born in Varberg, Halland, Sweden, August 27, 1889, and came with parents to America in 1892, the family locating in Rockford. Axel's father, Aaron Swenson, a stone mason, died in 1936. His mother, Amanda Swenson, passed away in 1937. Axel obtained his education in the Rockford public school and Brown's Business College. He first worked at the mason trade with his father, but started for himself about thirty years ago. In 1919 he was married to Laura Sowatzki of Rockford with whom he has a son, Robert, 12 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson are members of the Grace Lutheran Church, and reside at 210 Snow avenue.

GODFREY ROSENQUIST, painting contractor, was born in Hälsingborg, Skåne, Sweden, June 13, 1894, and came to America in 1913. Locating at first in St. Charles, Ill., he lived in the Fox River Valley for a number of years but moved to Rockford in 1927. Learning the painter's trade he worked for others until ten years ago when he started contracting for himself. In 1923 Mr. Rosenquist was married to Bertha Hegstrom of St. Charles. They have three children, Norma, 16; Marvin, 14; and Gordon, 10. During the World War Mr. Rosenquist was in the army 10½ months, and is now a member of the American Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenquist are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church and reside at 714 Highview avenue.

HERMAN A. SWANSON, contractor, was born in Fagerhult parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, May 13, 1887, and emigrated to America in 1906, going direct to Rockford. After working in furniture factories for 14 years he started building operations in 1920. In 1909 he entered into wedlock with Olga Olson from Söderåkra, Kalmar län, Sweden. She passed away in 1916, being the mother of two children, Mildred (Mrs. Earl Betts); and Maynard who died in 1916 at three years of age. In 1918 Mr. Swanson was married the second time to Mrs. Alma Johnson with whom he has two children, a stepdaughter, Ingrid (Mrs. Harold Carlson); and Ruby, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are members of the Temple Baptist Church, Mr. Swanson being also a member of the Viking lodge Ellida and the Scandinavian Fraternity of America. His residence is located at 1113 Sixteenth St.

AUGUST HALLQUIST, contractor, was born in Skara, Västergötland, Sweden, July 11, 1870, and learned cabinet making in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1895, he located in De Kalb, Ill., where he obtained a job in the American Wire & Steel factory. Coming to Rockford in 1906, he worked in a factory here for a year and then for a building contractor three years. In 1911 he started contracting for himself. Mr. Hallquist was married in 1907 to Maria Peterson from Västergötland, Sweden. She passed away in 1937 leaving three children: Gladys (Mrs. Ernie Peterson); Evert, associated with his father in business and residing at home; and Ruth, also living at home. Mr. Hallquist is a charter member of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America and resides at 304 South Highland avenue.

THEODORE A. LARSON, accountant, was born in Chicago December 16, 1900. His father, Alfred Larson, came to America from Västergötland, Sweden, in the middle eighties. He was a wood carver and furniture worker and passed away in Chicago in 1904, the family moving to Rockford the same year. Theodore's mother, Hulda Larson, also a native of Västergötland, died in 1934. Theodore grew up in Rockford and received his education in the city schools, afterwards taking up bookkeeping, accounting and secretarial work. After being employed by Barber-Colman from 1919 till 1923 he started his own business the latter year which he is now conducting in the Palace Theatre Bldg. under the name of Daygraph Accounting Service. In 1924 Mr. Larson entered into marriage union with Mildred Nance of Rockford.

JOHN A. GUSTAFSON, mason contractor, was born in Högby parish, öland, Sweden, March 20, 1889, and came to America in 1906, locating in Rockford. After being employed in furniture factories and at other work for a number of years he started for himself as a mason contractor in 1918. Mr. Gustafson was married in 1909 to Nancy Carlson, born in Rockford of Swedish parents. They are blessed with five children, Gladys (Mrs. K. D. Eychaner); Leroy, engaged with his father; Verna, employed by the American Insurance Co.; Russell who works with his father; and June, attending High School. Mr. Gustafson is a member of the Lyran Singing Society and the Viking lodge Ellida. The family residence is located at 326 Calvin Park boulevard.

HERMAN J. EKLUND, architect, was born in Des Moines, Ia., August 1, 1893. His father, John Eklund, came to America from Upland, Sweden, in 1891 and located in Galesburg, Ill., whence he moved to Des Moines in 1892 and from there to Denver in 1912. He was a cabinet maker by trade and passed away in 1939. Herman's mother, Anna Eklund, died in 1915. Herman obtained his early education in the public schools and studied architecture at the Chicago Technical College and Art Institute. He served in the World War 18 months whereof 13 months abroad. In 1920 he came to Rockford where he has practiced architecture since, specializing in residential and apartment work, with office in Room 405, Empire Bldg. In 1920 Mr. Eklund entered into marriage union with Rose Wagner. They have two daughters, Carolyn L., rural school teacher, and Joanne M., attending school. Mr. Eklund is a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the American Legion.

PER AXEL ANDERSON, contractor, was born in Sundsvall, Sweden, September 3, 1883, and learned the carpenter trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in June, 1906, he came first to Rockford, but afterwards went to La Grange, Ill., working for other contractors until 1911 when he started work for himself. In 1922 he moved to Rockford where he has since been engaged in building operations. Mr. Anderson was married in 1908 to Emma Johnson from Erska parish, near Gothenburg, Sweden. They have seven children, Bertil, employed by E. W. Schmeling & Sons; Martha (Mrs. R. F. Miller), Winnebago, Ill.; Edith (Mrs. W. Strote) and Astrid (Mrs. E. Swanson), twins; Woodrow, employed by Schmeling & Sons; Harry, working with his father; and Mary Jane (Mrs. Howard Lausen). The Andersons are all members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

OSCAR T. STENWALL, merchant, was born in Rockford of Swedish parents. His father, John A. Stenwall, came to America from Skaraborgs län, Sweden, in 1868 and located in Rockford where he was conducting a grocery store. He died in 1925. Oscar's mother, Wilhelmina Stenwall, passed away in 1891. Oscar grew up in Rockford and received his education in the public school and High School. After being engaged in laundry business for 25 years he entered the mattress business in 1931 under the name of Stenwall Mattress Co., operating a store at 128 North Church street. Mr. Stenwall was married in 1913 to Victoria C. Bergstrom of Rockford. They have a son, David, 15 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Stenwall are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and reside at 1043 Harlem boulevard.

RICHARD J. LUNDGREN, advertising manager, was born in Rockford October 26, 1911. His father, G. Herbert Lundgren, born in Rockford of Swedish parents, is superintendent of the Mattison Foundry in this city. Richard's mother, Ruby M. Lundgren, is of English descent. Richard obtained his education in the Rockford city schools and the University of Illinois. Since January, 1934, he has been connected with The Rockford Consolidated Newspapers, being now National Advertising Manager. In 1931 Mr. Lundgren was married to Maurine Schull with whom he has a son, Richard Junior, born 1933.

ARTHUR M. LINDBECK, electric contractor, was born in Bishop Hill, Ill., October 2, 1881. His father, John Eric Lindbeck, came to Bishop Hill from Sweden with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lindbeck. Arthur's father died in Rock Island in 1915. His mother's name was Carrie (Nelson) Lindbeck. Arthur grew up and attended school in Bishop Hill. He came to Rockford in 1900 and worked in factories two years whereupon he entered the electric business. In 1921 he started contracting for himself. From 1923 till 1927 and again in 1933 he served as electrical inspector. In 1907 Mr. Lindbeck was married to Clara W. Peterson from Altona, Ill. They have four children, Raymond 33, clerk in the office of the Mattison Machine Works; Howard, 30; draftsman for the Fairbanks-Morse Co.; Wendell, 28, Professor in Chemistry at the Junior College, Martan, Tenn.; and Marjorie, employed by the Rockford City Electric Dept. Mr. and Mrs. Lindbeck are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and reside at 228 Summit street.

GUST G. GUSTAFSON, painter, was born in Gammalkil parish, Östergötland, Sweden, February 2, 1892, and emigrated to America in 1910. Locating first in Ishpeming, Mich., he came to Rockford in 1917, but after three years returned to Michigan where he spent five years in Marquette, moving to Rockford the second time in 1925. Since 1915 he has been engaged in painting, doing contracting since 1928, first in partnership with others and since 1936 by himself. Mr. Gustafson was married July 4, 1917, to Ruth Johnson from Marquette, Mich. They have three daughters, Signild (Mrs. H. Lidberg); Virginia (Mrs. L. Ottoson), Peoria, Ill.; and Martha, at home. Mr. Gustafson is a member of the Viking lodge Ellida and the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson. The family residence is located at 416 Catlin St.

CARL E. STROBERG, oil merchant, was born in Klippan, Skåne, Sweden, September 7, 1879, and emigrated to America in 1902. After spending some years in the New England states he came to Rockford in 1913 and obtained employment in a bank where he was engaged as vault custodian from 1914 to 1934. Since then he has been in oil business, being now conducting an Oil Depot at 317 South Wyman street. In 1907 Mr. Stroberg entered into marriage union with Beda Larson from Västergötland, Sweden. They have two children, Mildred, assistant in the office of Dr. H. W. Edson, City Hall Bldg.; and Irving, employed in the Illinois National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Stroberg are affiliated with the Bethesda Church.

WALLACE CARLSON, radio service, was born in Rockford December 31, 1912. His father, Fred Carlson, who came to America from Östergötland, Sweden, in the early eighties has been engaged as a repair man, but is now retired. Wallace's mother, Anna Carlson, came from Småland, Sweden. Wallace received his education in the public school and High School and then engaged in repair work a year whereupon he took up radio service. For the last three years he has been conducting the Carlson Radio Service at 1824 Ninth street. Having lately sold the business to his brother, Stanley Carlson, employed by the Weiman Co., he is now managing the Radio Service for his brother.

CARL E. PAULSON, mill supply dealer, was born in Rockford August 23, 1893. His father, Nels Paulson, came to America from Skåne, Sweden, in the seventies. He was employed in furniture factories and passed away here in 1930. Carl's mother, Ida Paulson, who came from Småland, Sweden, died in 1936. Carl received his education in the Rockford city schools and the Michigan State College at East Lansing. After being employed by the Barber-Colman Co. 7 years and by Swords Bros. 6 years he opened his own business in 1929 under the name of Carl E. Paulson Co., Mill Supplies, which he is now conducting in 215, Security Bank Bldg. Mr. Paulson was married in 1919 to Edna Anderson with whom he has a son, Robert, 17, graduate of St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Paulson are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

ROY M. JOHNSON, manager, was born in Rockford May 30, 1897. His father, Charles Johnson, who came from Sweden, has been engaged in leather business. His mother, Tyra Johnson, is also a native of Sweden. Roy obtained his education in the public school and then served in the army a year during the World War, spending nine months abroad. Since his return to civil life he has been engaged in Towel Service, being now manager of the Rockford Clean Towel Service with office at 2109 Kishwaukee avenue. In 1927 Mr. Johnson was married to Irene Anderson of Galesburg, Ill. They are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

CARL ALLAN MALLQUIST, merchant, was born in Borås, Västergötland, Sweden, March 19, 1909, and emigrated to America in 1929, locating first in Chicago where he entered the butter and egg business. In 1933 he moved to Rockford where he is now conducting a wholesale butter and egg business at 2406 Broadway with headquarters in Chicago. In 1935 Mr. Mallquist was married to Harriet Kent of Rockford. They have a son, Kent Allan, 3 years old. Mr. Mallquist is a member of Svea Söner Singing Society and "Västgötaförbundet."

SWAN JOSEPH DAHLBERG, contractor, was born in Kristdala parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, April 21, 1890, and emigrated to America in 1908, locating first in Jameston, N. Y. The following year he came to Rockford and worked here for other contractors until 1921 when he started work for himself. During the depression he was engaged by other builders, but in 1937 again started building operations by himself. In 1915 Mr. Dahlberg was married to Adelia Adolphson from Oskarshamn, Sweden. He is a member of Lyran Singing Society and the Vasa lodge Hilding.

EINAR ANDERSON, painter, was born in Strömfors, Västergötland, Sweden, January 19, 1899, and learned painting in his native land. Emigrating to America in 1924 he located in Rockford and worked for other contractors until 1927 when he started contracting for himself. In 1926 he married Mrs. Ruby Wester of Rockford who had two children, Doris and Leonard, from a former marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Vasa lodge Elvira and reside at 2214 Seventeenth avenue.

PHILIP E. OLSON, oil station operator, was born in Rockford September 10, 1907. His father, Anthony Olson, came to Rockford from Sweden in 1888. He was a city fireman and died here in 1932. Philip's mother, Esther Olson, also a native of Sweden, is still living. Philip obtained his education in the public school and High School and then worked in furniture factories and offices for eight years. For two years he was engaged in surveying in Brazil, South America. In 1935 he entered the oil business and is now operating the Refiners' Petroleum Co. station at the corner of Court and Mulberry streets. Mr. Olson was married in 1936 to Pearl Montgomery of Rockford. They have a son, Peter Richard, born February 6, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the Salem Lutheran Church.

DR. IRVING O. LINDQUIST, optometrist, was born in Chicago August 27, 1888. His father, John Lindquist, a tailor, came to America from Sweden in the seventies and died in 1894. Irving's mother, Mathilda Lindquist, also a native of Sweden, died in 1927. After attending the public school Irving took a course at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, graduating in 1909. He first practiced his profession at Aurora, Ill., and in 1934 located in Rockford, his office now being located at 115 West State street. Dr. Lindquist was married in 1911 to Lillie Pearson of Chicago. They have three sons, Robert, 27, optometrist in Chicago; James, 22, a student of Optometry at Northern Illinois College of Optometry; and John Edward, 18.

CARL GUSTAF ENGSTROM, painter, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, March 1, 1903, and emigrated to America in 1922, going direct to Rockford. Here he worked in factories the first two years and then for the painting contractor Oscar F. Carlson seven years. In 1931 he started contracting for himself. Mr. Engstrom was married in 1932 to Margareta Johnson from Grenna, Småland, Sweden. They are blessed with three boys, Walter, 9; Rudolph, 7; and Kenneth, 5. Mr. Engstrom is a member of the Viking lodge Ellida and resides at 1436 Seventh avenue.

BROADWAY CAFE, 1138 Broadway, is conducted by Mrs. Erna Anderson and her mother, Mrs. Alma Cedar. Mrs. Anderson who is a native of Borås, Västergötland, Sweden, came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cedar, in 1910. Mr. Cedar died in 1935. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Cedar have been in restaurant business since 1918. Mrs. Anderson's husband, Arthur Anderson, with whom she entered into wedlock in 1927, is a machinist by trade. They have a daughter, Lorraine, 12 years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of Viking lodges.

IVAR E. TEGNER, coffee merchant, was born at Borgholm, Öland, Sweden, September 24, 1888, and emigrated to America in 1905. Locating in Rockford, he worked in furniture factories until 1917 and then as an insurance salesman for two years. In 1920 he purchased a coffee business and is now the proprietor of the Blackhawk Coffee Co., corner of Fifth avenue and Sixth street. Mr. Tegner was married in 1917 to Ruth Overstrom from Chicago, Ill.

J. AL JOHNSON, manufacturer, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, July 19, 1885, and came to America with the family in 1887, locating first in Red Wing and St. Paul, Minn., whence they moved to Rockford in 1888. Al's father, J. P. Johnson, who was a wood worker, died May 5, 1895, and his mother, Christine Johnson, June 11, 1911. Al received his education in the public school and business college, whereupon he engaged in leather work. In 1915 he organized the Leather Washer Co. of which he is president and manager. They employ some sixty people and manufacture mechanical letters of various kinds, the factory being located at 720 Chestnut street. On December 25, 1907, Mr. Johnson entered into wedlock with Bessie May Jackson of Rockford, of English descent.

VICTOR EMANUEL RINGDAHL, automechanic, was born in Rockford March 24, 1890. His father, Olof M. Ringdahl, came to America from Malmö, Sweden, in the later seventies and located in Rockford where he was employed in furniture factories. He died in 1937. Victor's mother, Elna Ringdahl, also from Malmö, Sweden, passed away in 1933. Victor received his education in the public school and then took up the machinist's trade. In 1909 he started work in garages, being employed by Eric Gustafson for 24 years. In November, 1938, he opened an automotive parts store at 408 Kishwaukee street which he is now conducting. Mr. Ringdahl was married in 1912 to Mary Hogan of Rockford.

LARS N. EKWALL, contractor, was born in Skurup, Skåne, Sweden, November 4, 1881, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in 1911, he stopped first in Chicago, but came to Rockford the same year and obtained work in a furniture factory. In 1914 he engaged in the building trade, starting for himself in 1918. Mr. Ekwall was married in 1914 to Alma Schoug from Malmö, Sweden. They are blessed with five children, Gladys (Mrs. Harold Josephson), Princeton, Ill.; Lillie, cashier in the Chas. V. Weiss Co. department store; Alice, employed by the Western & Southern Insurance Co.; Jane and Victor, attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Ekwall reside at 1645 Sixth avenue.

FRED NELSON, contractor, was born in Persnäs parish, Öland, Sweden, June 21, 1904, and learned his trade in Sweden. Emigrating to America in April, 1922, he located in Rockford and worked for other contractors here until 1935 when he started for himself as a contractor and builder, being now associated with E. L. Johnson of 3308 Charles street. Mr. Nelson was married in 1930 to Astrid Swanson of Rockford. He is a member of the Svithiod lodge John Ericsson and resides at 724 Parkview avenue.

GUST G. LARSON, contractor, was born in Karlsborg, Västergötland, Sweden, May 26, 1893, and emigrated to America in November, 1912, going direct to Rockford. After working on farms for six years he entered the building line, starting contracting for himself in 1923. In 1921 he entered into wedlock with Anna Dahlman from Skara, Västergötland. They have two boys, Harold, 18, and Donald 14. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the Evangelical Free Church and reside at 2329 Thirteenth avenue.

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